

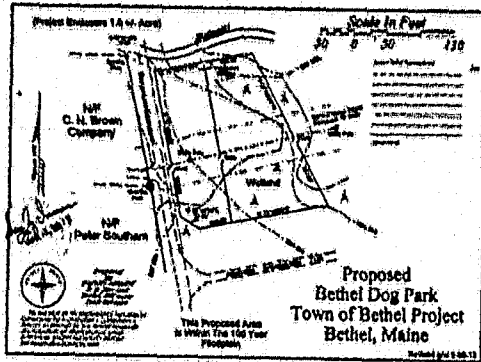


Diagram of proposed Bethel Dog Park

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Greenwood selectman favors new site for office

By ALISON ALOISIO

CEO Joelle Corey-Whitman is expected to report to Greenwood selectmen next week on possible options to relocate the ailing Town Office on Bird Hill Road.

The 19th-century former school building has a wet basement that has led to mold issues. The office also has a structural problem with the main girder caused by rot and the work of carpenter ants, according to town officials.

For the past two years a building committee has been studying options in order to prepare a recommendation for the 2013 May town meeting. The options discussed initially included renovation, replacement and moving to the Town Hall across the street.

But renovation has been ruled out because the problems are too extensive, and the Town Hall has also been dropped be-

cause fixing that old building would be too expensive, said Town Manager Kim Sparks. So more recently the committee has been focusing on replacing the existing building with a modular or stick-built structure on the same site.

But at last week's selectmen's meeting Fred Henderson told the board, "I think it would be better on a lot somewhere else. If you looked around town you'd have hard work to find a lot worse than this."

The working plan would provide storage space only in a partial basement at the current site, with no egress, and there could still be concerns about how dry it would be.

Henderson said it would be better to have a full basement to possibly provide meeting space. But a full basement could only be built on the current site by blasting away ledge.

He also said a level site

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Woodstock meeting to consider ordinances, dam

By ALISON ALOISIO

At their annual town meeting March 25, Woodstock residents will consider a proposed 2013 budget of \$2,491,698. If they approve it, the town's mill rate will rise approximately .3 mills.

The figure is up from last year's \$2,416,977, and includes county tax and an estimate for the SAD 44 share.

The budget hike is attributable to increases in several categories of spending, including general government (up \$27,000, but including \$20,000 from the Spruce Mountain Wind tangible benefits account for records preservation), road maintenance (up \$23,000), fire protection (up \$5,000), insurance/legal fees (up \$10,000) and utilities (up \$10,000).

"It's not any one thing," said Town Manager Vern Maxfield last week.

Voters will also be asked to raise \$20,000 for improvements to the Lake Christopher dam and approve contracting with Cross Excavation to do the work this summer. The dam improvement account currently has \$102,500 in it.

Selectmen also propose taking \$30,000 from the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Account to buy a new one-ton truck with a plow. The vehicle would replace the current 2008 truck, to be traded in.

Residents will also be asked if they wish to raise \$1,596 to support Bethel's Mollycoddett Day event. This is the first year the request has been made, Maxfield said.

If voters approve the budget, the amount to be raised from taxes would be \$2,136,993, up from

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Citizen Profiles: Sharon Silver, Woodstock

By DEBORAH RAFFORD
Special to the Bethel Citizen

If you need a hug, or a kind word, or a smile that brightens the room, you look for Sharon Silver.

Born in Rumford, Silver grew up on Felt Road in Bryant Pond as an only child. The daughter of Richard and Barbara (Coffin) Felt, she lived 'down on the farm,' and was an outdoor kid, skiing and skating in her own back-

yard.

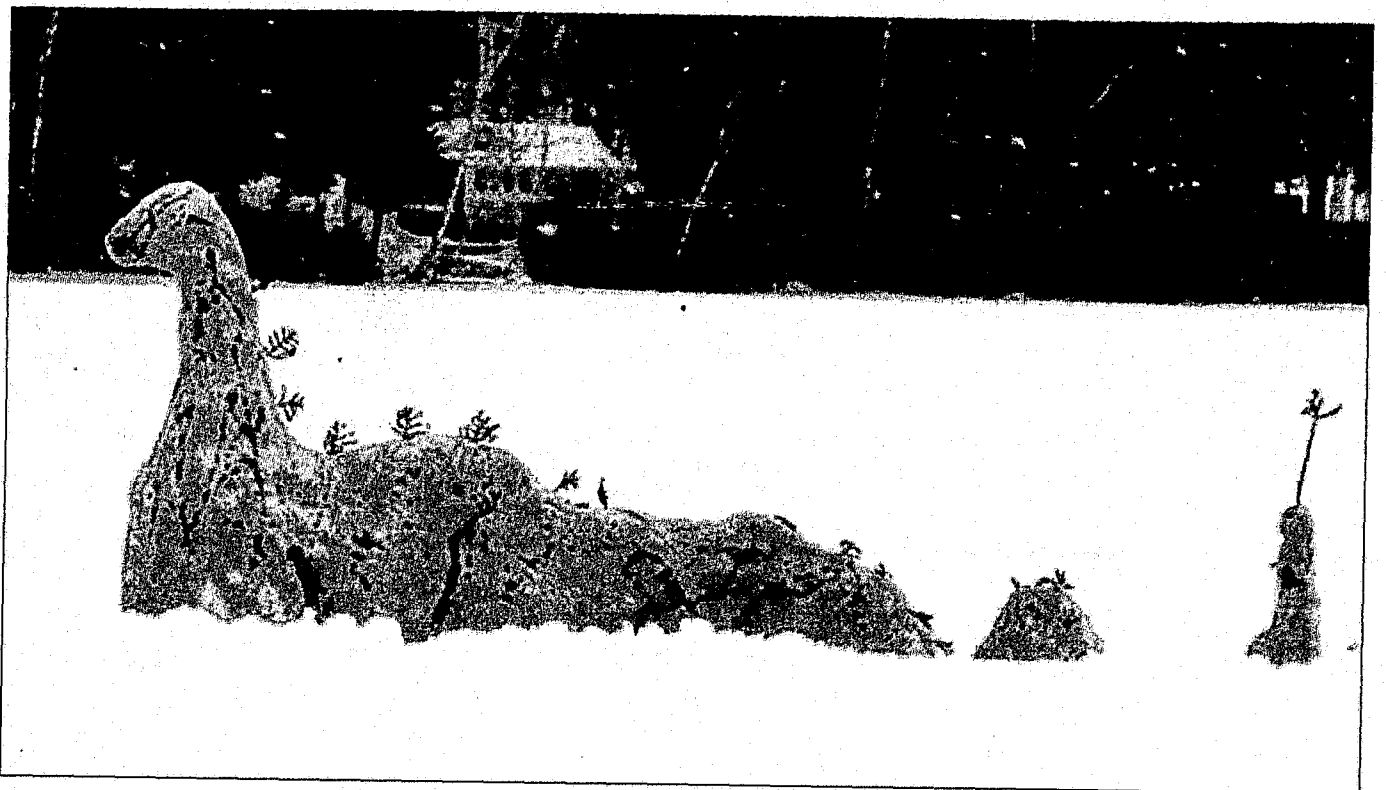
In the summer months she rode horseback, swam in the brook, and climbed Spruce Mountain, also in her own backyard. While inside, she played Chinese Checkers, and was very good at it.

"I learned to drive a John Deere tractor at seven years old, graduating from driving teams of horses for logging or haying," she remembers. "I would rake with a bull-rake to catch the scatterings, earning a penny a load."

When I was in junior high, Mom's appendix

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Loch Twitchell monster



Chris Walker and Logan Whitney of Bryant Pond crafted this snow monster recently while fishing on Twitchell Pond in Greenwood. The fish - perhaps scared off by the monster - weren't biting. (Photo: Candi Mailman)

Andover warrant offers voters many options

By ALISON ALOISIO

At Saturday's town meeting, Andover voters will consider a baseline municipal appropriation of \$591,469.

But they will also be offered the option to raise an additional \$100,000 toward negotiating with SAD 44 to keep the Andover Elementary School open, should the town remain in the district. They will be asked if they wish to raise another \$120,000 to buy a Fire Department ladder truck.

Andover is currently in talks with SAD 44 to possibly leave the district and establish its own school unit. A vote on the question is expected this spring.

But to keep the town's options open in the event voters reject withdrawal, said Selectboard Chair Susan Merrow, selectmen added the \$100,000 ques-

tion to this year's warrant. Having the funds available would allow the town to again negotiate to keep the Andover Elementary School open.

As for the ladder truck, Merrow said a town in Connecticut is offering to sell the truck, about 15 years old, to Andover to replace the Fire Department's 1973 ladder truck. Merrow said the town truck has been recently certified, but selectmen decided to present the purchase opportunity to townspeople.

"[The town truck] is working at this time," said Merrow, but that could change quickly because of its age.

Townspeople will also consider whether to establish a designated capital improvement account for the AFD, to be funded by donations. Merrow said the department receives

ongoing donations and the move would clarify the bookkeeping and use of such funds.

Residents will also be asked if they wish to use money in the surplus account over \$140,000 for tax reduction. There is currently \$204,000 in the account, Merrow said.

Two money articles that were rejected by voters at previous town meetings will return for consideration on Saturday.

One is a big-ticket item: \$320,000 to rebuild a one-mile section of the Farmer's Hill Road. A similar article, for \$300,000, was turned down last year for a road that resident Sid Pew called "the worst road in town."

But voters didn't want to spend that much money on a mile of road, particularly with other existing road indebtedness, which this year totals \$414,002.

If voters favor the project this year, they are offered two options: pay for it with a 10-year bond, or put money aside year by year to save to do it in the future.

The second article that will be familiar to residents is a request for \$10,000 for the Designated Town Revaluation Account. A revaluation last took place at least 20 years ago, according to town officials.

In other items, several warrant articles address building ordinance issues. Two would clarify existing ordinances, another would ratify an existing one that was previously approved but is not valid because the proper voting procedure was not followed, and two others are new, Merrow said.

The new proposals in-

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SAD 44 receives \$51,800 in Homeland Security grants

By ALISON ALOISIO

SAD 44 has received a \$47,000 Homeland Security grant to purchase a 90 KW portable generator to power an elementary school in the event of an emergency.

The district also received a \$4,600 grant for 40 "Safety Mate" devices and training to provide electronic instructions to aid people in a medical emergency.

The funds came from about \$200,000 in "left-over" 2010 funds available through the Oxford County Emergency Management Agency, Supt. Dave Murphy told the School Board Monday. The board voted to accept the money.

After hearing about the available grant funds recently, Transportation/Maintenance Supervisor Ron Deegan, quickly put together six different applications, Murphy said.

SAD 44 received the largest amount of money in the county.

Having a generator, said Murphy, "is something we've talked about for a long time. We can bring the generator around to the schools if it's needed."

The Telstar complex has had a generator for several years.

The Safety Mates will be distributed around the schools and possibly on school busses, Deegan said. Details are yet to be worked out.

The devices can be programmed to provide steps to follow for particular emergencies, such as a heart attack, he said.

District Curriculum Coordinator Lee Graham did a presentation on the fall 2012 performance of SAD 44 elementary students on standardized testing, known as the New England Common Assessment

Program (NECAP).

Students were scored in math and reading according to four levels of proficiency, two of which are at or above a level deemed "proficient."

For the elementary schools, overall percentage results of students considered proficient, compared to the state, were as follows: Statewide, 66 percent proficient in reading, 61 percent in math; Andover Elementary School, 50 percent in reading, 26 percent in math; Crescent Park Elementary School, 71 percent and 64 percent; Woodstock Elementary School, 72 percent and 66 percent.

For Telstar Middle School: Statewide, 72 percent in reading, 62 percent in math; TMS, 69 percent and 56 percent.

Murphy said that TMS scores have improved in recent years over four or

five years ago. He credited staff development efforts and a stepped up Title I program.

Graham also told directors that next year SAD 44 will switch to a new nationwide testing system known as "Smarter Balance."

"There are some very good things about it," she said, including rapid results via computer.

But Woodstock Director Marcel Polak noted that the types of tests used have changed every few years, making consistent comparisons over that time difficult.

"It's a moving target," he said. Graham acknowledged the problem. "You're not the only one frustrated by that," she said.

Directors also heard a presentation from TMS students participating in

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Letters

RUNNING FOR SELECTMAN

To the Editor:

I am seeking re-election for the selectman position. I want to thank the people of Gilead for supporting me as your selectman, and hope for your continued support in this matter.

I was raised in Gilead and enjoy being a part of the political process.

I attend all meetings and have been a part in many positive things for the people of Gilead so, therefore, come and attend the Town Meeting, which is on March 30, 2013 and give me your support by voting for me.

Stephen J. McLain, Jr.
Selectman of Gilead

WEST BETHEL PROJECTS?

To the Editor:

I see all these improvements to Bethel and I wonder since West Bethel pays the same tax where do we get bike paths or parks. Just a thought.

John Steward
West Bethel

BOOSTERS THANKS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Telstar Athletic Boosters I would like to thank everyone that helped make the Bottle Drive a great success.

Special thanks to the following for their generous donations, Home Slice Pizza, Kowloon Village, Black Diamond Steakhouse, Mill Hill Inn, Rooster's Roadhouse, Rite Aid and Telstar.

Special thanks to the following people who gave their time and effort working the Bottle Drive. Fred Johnson, Kelly Blaszcak, Donna Howard, Mark Kenney, Todd and Amy Wheeler and Brian Peterson.

Much appreciation to all.

Linda Cozzolino
President, Telstar Athletic Boosters

CHAMBER AWARDS

To the Editor:

For the last 43 years, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has organized a "gala" awards event to recognize community and business excellence. We look to the members of our communities to nominate those who they consider outstanding in their respective fields and deserving of recognition. Nominations must be submitted by April 2 and can either be sent to the chamber at P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, ME 04217, delivered to our office, or e-mailed to info@bethelmaine.com.

The chamber has added many new categories since the "original three" - which were Business of the Year, the Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, and the Lifetime Achievement Award. We continue to provide recognition in these categories but have added the following awards: Bethel Area Non-Profit Leadership Award, Forest Products Industry Award, Public Service Award (typically goes to someone working in municipal governments or committees), Rising Star Entrepreneur Award, Rocky Freda Memorial Award, and four Employee of the Year Awards: Ski Industry, Service and Retail, Education and Hospitality (these should be nominated by their respective employers). We also present two Citizenship awards to high school seniors who are chosen by the staff of Telstar High School.

The Awards Dinner and Celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 3, to be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort. The chamber is accepting reservations by calling 824-2282. A complete delicious buffet dinner with all the festivities is \$39 per person and \$325 for a sponsored table of 8.

We are also seeking donations for our Silent Auction - which has been a terrific addition to the event. Please contact us with your offering! Many thanks to Stephens Memorial Hospital, Northeast Bank, and Oxford Networks for their sponsorship support of this wonderful event! Sponsorship opportunities are still available - give us a call for the details.

Many thanks for taking the time to nominate those who are outstanding in our communities and work places.

The Awards Committee and Chamber Board Members
Irene McGrew and Dave Nivus

CLARIFICATION

RESIDENCE FOR VOTING PURPOSES-A description of requirements for determining residency for voting purposes in last week's story on Woodstock property maintenance should have been more detailed. A person must have established his/her principal and fixed home in that town. Criteria that guide the registrar in determining voter eligibility include paying federal income taxes from a town residence address; obtaining hunting/fishing licenses or motor vehicle registrations in the town; having a driver's license with a town residence address; receiving mail at a town residence address and taking an oath of residency.

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CAMP OWNER FOR WIND ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

To those that have an interest in the wind towers of Woodstock Maine, I would encourage your support of a wind ordinance.

As a camp owner on Big Concord Pond, I am writing to offer my insight and perspective on the importance of a wind ordinance for every town, large or small. Our camp was one of the first built on this remote wilderness pond and it was positioned with stunning mountain views to the south. We were not happy at the original prospect of the wind tower farm for all the reasons presented from previous projects, such as noise, flicker, flash and the ominous presence of the massive towers and blades. We did keep an open mind as we felt that the green energy was important. Unfortunately, we found that the negative impact is a real concern.

The wind towers have been very bothersome when certain conditions are present. When the blades are positioned toward the sun (with a westerly wind and afternoon western sky sun position) so every afternoon there is a reflective "flash" for each blade of each tower and a "flicker" shadow from each blade of every tower. These words - flash and flicker - held little true meaning until we experienced the effect for ourselves. With eight towers in our direct view, we have 24 blades spinning, catching this reflective flash and flicker. It literally causes physical symptoms; headache, nausea and/or dizziness, even seizures in those with a predisposition - it definitely causes distress.

The noise is a real problem as well. When there is a high-level wind blowing and the pond has little or no wind at the lower levels, the noise is quite irritating - even inside the cottage. This is a common occurrence, as the pond is situated in a mountain bowl. The sound is the same as a jet flying overhead, consistently present. The star-filled night sky is now interrupted with constantly blinking red tower lights. Patriot was asked to consider night lighting that came on only when planes were in the vicinity, which is an available technology. They refused to do so, based on cost. The town did not press the issue.

Most arguments pro and con are subjective. I would like to provide very objective data for your consideration. We began Androscoggin Home Rentals in 1996 as a vacation rental business. The camp became one of our rental properties for summer vacations. We have consistently rented the cabin between 7 and 10 weeks each summer/fall. The remote area, no electricity, serene, private location and great mountain views were our advertising promotional points. Even with a bad economy for the past several years, we have done very well with summer rentals. This past summer, however, with the presence of the towers, was quite a different scenario. The loss of business at our rental property was dramatic. Our revenue at the camp was off by 60 percent over the income from 2011. It was off by 50 percent the two years prior to that. The rest of our rentals all did better last summer, so the economy was not the factor. Our advertising was not to blame as we took the positive spin and ended our description of the property by saying "Experience a true off the grid experience with a twist. Our southwest views are of a modern wind farm supplying green energy to the rest of New England." This loss of income is not a subjective finding. There are hard facts to support this business loss. As property owners, we are not the only one saying, "Not in my backyard." So are the vacationers, who many of us depend upon for our livelihood.

We strongly urge residents to approve a wind ordinance before further damage is done.

Scott Gould
Androscoggin Home Rentals
Bethel

SHAGG POND CAMP OWNER FOR ORDINANCE

To the Editor:

I applaud Bob Elliot and other members of the Woodstock wind ordinance committee for their dedication and work on the wind ordinance.

Assuming the voters of Woodstock support the ordinance, their sacrifice of time and energy will benefit us and future generations who value the beauty and peace of our lovely western mountains by preventing further degradation of our landscape.

My family has owned a rustic cabin on Shagg Pond in Woodstock for over 40 years. Each spring the extended family negotiate for their vacation time in the quiet and solstice of the pond. It is such a respite from the stress and demands of our lives. We were all extremely disappointed last summer to arrive and be confronted with nine wind turbines directly in front of the cottage. Even more disturbed by the loud jet plane noise that came up and did not recede at random times during our stays. We as summer residents, although taxpayers, were poorly informed of the plans for these turbines, had no say in their approval and are receiving no benefit from their electricity. We discovered that one of my brothers who lives in Concord, Mass., actually has the choice to choose the green energy generated by these turbines.

I urge residents to support the wind ordinance and its efforts to limit noise and intrusion of further wind turbines on the landscape of our area.

Mary Ellen Siudut
Woodstock and Pittsfield, N.H.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A DOG PARK

To the Editor:

As the owner of a loveable, happy and frisky dog, we look forward to having a dog park in the Bethel area. Currently we have to drive miles to a friend's farm to let our dog run free in an enclosed field. She loves to play with other dogs and it is actually very good for her health and well being as it is for all dogs.

We have been to dog parks all over the country. Creating a park in Bethel is not a new idea, it has been successfully established literally all over the country, and certainly all over Maine. There are rules, procedures and regulations that have been tested and are fair and equitable regarding the use and care of the site, and the responsibilities of the owners. It does not mean that someone who supports the park and will use the dog park does not also enjoy walking the trail in the area and also being a snowmobiler. They can co-exist.

One of the best parts of being a citizen of the Bethel community is that we find so many folks who accommodate for the likes and needs of others. It will be great to have this as an addition to the list of what makes Bethel such a special community.

Thanks very much,

Laurence Austin and Marcia Foster-Austin
Bethel

NORDIC VISIONING SESSION

To the Editor:

The Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaborative (BANC) envisions a community thriving on healthy relationships among people, the built environment, organizations and the land. We work directly with nonprofit groups and the business community in the greater Bethel region in support of collaborative efforts that work toward achieving this common vision.

On Wednesday, March 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. BANC is facilitating a Nordic Community Visioning Session in the Gibson Room at the Bethel Inn. This is an opportunity for those involved in Nordic skiing to collectively identify community-wide goals and tools for accomplishing those goals. Some of the groups already involved include the Bethel Outing Club, The Outdoor Center, Gould Academy, Mahoosuc Pathways, The Bethel Inn and Carter's Ski Center. Each of these organizations and businesses is invested in Nordic skiing opportunities, which include recreational facilities, competitive training, Nordic events and family centered activities. Nordic skiing plays a significant role in making the Bethel area a special place to live, visit, work and do business in. This meeting explores how increased collaboration can potentially advance the goals of all who are involved in the sport. A limited number of spaces are available for those with a strong interest. Please RSVP to Amy Scott, the BANC Network Facilitator, at amyscott@bethelmainenonprofits.org or 357-3189.

Thank you.

Amy Scott
Network Facilitator, BANC

ROTARY WINE AND BEER TASTING EVENT

To the Editor:

Saturday, March 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the White Cap Lodge at Sunday River the Bethel Rotary Club will be hosting a beer and wine tasting event. Sample a wide variety of wines, beer and appetizers provided by The Good Food Store. Music will be provided by Denny Breat. This should be a great time and the \$30 charge per person will stay local.

Lynn Wilson
Bethel Rotary Club

"Celladore" can be found on Page 9 this week.

Our Back Pages

Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Winners in the Telstar Middle School Speech Contest were Kevin Gallagher, grade 8, and Margaret DePasquale, grade 6.

Gould Academy alpine racers Spencer Cowin, Zeke Davisson, Thomson Riley qualified for the U.S. National Alpine Championships in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Deaths: Charles W. Marston, Jr., Carolyn Brooks, Rebecca Jane Shaw.

20 years ago: A storm, billed "The Blizzard of '93," added about 18 inches of snow to the three feet already on the ground.

The Community Chemical Awareness Team (CCAT) received a \$20,000 grant from Maine's federal Alcohol and Drug Abuse Block Grant.

Births: Melissa Lou Strauss, Sarah Beth Scribner, Rachel Ann Marie Berryment.

Death: Guenther A. Mahler.

30 years ago: A representative from "Skiing" magazine spent a few days at the Bethel Inn and Country Club gathering ideas and data for an article in the magazine's December issue.

The Telstar Athletic Department honored its winter athletes with a buffet supper and awards presentation.

Births: Christopher Eric Howard, Joshua Charles Swan, George William Day, Erin Wright.

Deaths: Mrs. Marita K. Halme, Charles Wilson Bartlett.

40 years ago: The Telstar Stage Band participated in the "B" Division of the Winthrop Jazz Festival, and won the first place trophy.

A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Andover landmark known as the Gregg house. The 29-room house was owned by G. Ted Adams and was unoccupied.

Births: Steven Craig Sylvester, Tara Lynn Record, Katherine Louise Stevens.

Deaths: Richard C. Sanborn, Mrs. Kazimira Julie Piawlock, Gladys Toothaker Guernsey.

50 years ago: Miss Norma Jean Kimball was crowned queen of the Gould Academy winter Carnival.

Ed Quinn, Avery Angvine, Ernest Blake and Lewis Sargent were at Bosebuck Camps to clear the roofs of snow.

Deaths: Raymond A. Dean, Mrs. Bessie P. Chapin, Dr. Payson Smith.

60 years ago: James Browne purchased the property of Mrs. Ruth Spaulding (the E. E. Whitney place) on Railroad Street.

Sue Stowell of Andover was Queen of the Pineland Ski and Outing Club's 25th winter carnival.

Deaths: Clarence M. Annis, Fred D. Goodnow, Mrs. Harriett N. Coady, Edward W. Brown.

70 years ago: Freeman Merrill's home at East Bethel was burned. Very little was saved.

At the annual meeting of the Bethel Village Corporation, the appropriations amounted to \$4,625.19.

Deaths: Mrs. John C. Anderson, Alfred Hobbs.

80 years ago: Bethel was reported the richest town in Maine. This judgment was reached by deposits in the Bethel Savings Bank in 1932.

Deaths: Mrs. Eleanor Bean Jordan, Mrs. Melvina Cole, George T. Tubbs.

90 years ago: W. E. Bartlett attended the Union Central Insurance Co. convention at New Orleans.

Mrs. D. Grover Brooks was elected to the office of town clerk, a position she held for 26 years.

100 years ago: Plans were underway for a new school house to be built in the Fernald school district, Albany.

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Greenwood

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would provide better access to the building, instead of the current steps. And, he said, the town would generally be better served by planning for possible long-term uses.

In defense of the Bird Hill location, Corey-Whitman, who has been working with the committee, said modern technology would allow the construction of a watertight basement. She also cited the convenient location of the current office, just off Route 26.

But, she said, she could look for other town-owned properties.

Whatever the choice, Corey-Whitman said, "It's very important that this building go away."

She said that because of the mold the air quality is "bad," and that she notices the effect personally even during the short times she spends there. "This is an OSHA violation, the air we breathe in here," she said.

She also said she believed there is asbestos in the floor tiles, which could require expensive asbestos abatement work before the building was taken down or burned.

After hearing that, Selectman Amy Chapman said, "It might be better to find a fresh start somewhere else."

The board also discussed options for heating, drainage and flooring for a new building, wherever it might be located.

Fire grant

In other business last week, Fire Chief Al Curtis reported the Fire Department will receive a \$5,000 grant through the Oxford County Emergency Man-

agement Agency to purchase coldwater rescue gear, including suits, helmets and life vests. He said such gear is important because of the many ponds in town.

"The next time four or five drunk people fall out of their boat in North Pond in the middle of the night, you'll have plenty of gear," Chapman said, referring to an incident last year.

The board also met with Doug Grover about the continuing issue of clean-up on his Rowe Hill property.

Corey-Whitman has characterized it as an illegal junkyard and has been pressuring him for more than a year to clean it up, following complaints from neighbors. Since November the town has been working on filing paperwork in county court on the matter.

But Grover, using the example of a mattress he is using against the back of his house to help keep out the cold this winter, asked, "Why can't I use stuff that I feel is usable and if it's organized and presentable so the neighbors don't complain?"

"There's too much stuff piled up," said Corey-Whitman. "It's not leaving the property."

She reminded him that selectmen authorized her to go onto the property to work with him and take photos to mark progress.

"I don't want you to take pictures," replied Grover.

After a half hour of discussion, Henderson said, "We're not getting anywhere."

The board moved on to other business.

Briefly

Mt. Abram event raises \$40,000+

GREENWOOD—One hundred fifty winter enthusiasts at Mt. Abram raised more than \$40,000 this past weekend for the WinterKids program in the inaugural Downhill Derby. The 24-hour event combined "round the clock" skiing with non-stop entertainment. Twenty-five teams committed to skiing from dusk until dawn. WinterKids is a nonprofit that works to get kids outside and active during the winter, and serves more than 17,000 kids a year.

Local mountain rescuers busy

BETHEL—The Mahoosuc Mountain Rescue group was involved in two lost skier rescue searches last week. On the evening of March 3 they traveled to Saddleback for two skiers who had gone out of bounds. A briefing and planning session took until midnight after our arrival, said MMR member Bob Baribeau of Bethel. "Strong winds and blowing snow greeted us at 5 a.m., as we headed down the backside (out of bounds) with Warden Reggie Hammond. We caught up with the lost duo after some very tough going after 1.2 miles. All were transported to safety via a 12 mile snowmobile ride." MMR searchers also included David Walker, Landon Fake and Chris Hayward. While on that search, said Baribeau, "we were told it was very likely we would be heading to Sugarloaf to search for a lost 17 year old." Going to Sugarloaf were Harold Herschlag, Paul Marshall, Kevin Larue, Marc Leblond, Chris Hayward, Toshio Hashimoto, David Walker, and Baribeau. After arriving there March 5, they were given an assignment to search the backside of the mountain. "While en route, the boy was located on the Caribou Pond Road and we were called back," said Baribeau. "Mahoosuc had the largest contingency after the Navy attending the search." This week MMR was headed to Baxter State Park for additional winter search and rescue training.

Dumont Cup coming up

NEWRY—The fifth annual Dumont Cup returns to Sunday River Ski Resort March 29 as the only major freeskiing event in the East and the biggest pro-am competition in the world, according to Sunday River. Ranked as a Platinum event by the Association of Freeskiing Professionals (AFF), the event draws pro skiers from around the world to compete with the best amateur skiers in the country. This year's slopestyle course will be built on the Sunday Punch and Rocking Chair trails. Dumont designs the course and features himself. With \$20,000 in cash at stake, top X-Games pros will compete against an amateur field. Alex Schlopy and Nick Goepfer launched their pro careers in Dumont Cup wins at Sunday River. Qualifying rounds will be held in two sessions on Friday, March 29, with the top 40 amateurs advancing to the semi-finals on Saturday morning, March 30, to compete against the pros in the afternoon finals.

Artistic veterans sought

AUGUSTA—The Department of Veterans Affairs Maine Healthcare System and the Maine American Legion Auxiliary invites veterans to participate in the 2013 Maine Creative Arts Festival. The festival, which recognizes veterans for their creative abilities, is seeking visual and performing artists. A local show will take place in June. The deadline for submissions is April 26. Contact elizabeth.marrone@va.gov, or for more info, go to www.creativeartsfestival.va.gov.

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No temporary business directional signs in Bethel

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday let stand a decision by Town Manager Doar to disallow the placement of temporary roadside directional signs on state roads for the Black Diamond Steakhouse, located on the Sunday River Road.

The steakhouse had asked for the signs as part of a request to the Maine Department of Transportation for similar signs in nearby towns, according to town officials.

The town administers signs on state roads in Bethel under an arrangement with MDOT.

But Bethel's Committee for Sign Ordinance Reform is currently working to update the town's sign ordinances, particularly those pertaining to roadside directional signs. Their proposal will be voted upon at the June town meeting.

The board had discussed the Black Diamond request at their February meeting, then asked Doar to survey other businesses on the road to see if they would want similar temporary signs.

Doar said Monday he did not contact businesses because "I didn't know what policy direction the board wants — is this just something for the Sunday River Road?"

He said no businesses had contacted him on the issue.

Selectman Don Bennett, also a member of the CSOR, said he supported the temporary signs, noting that currently businesses on the Sunday River Road can only place a small sign on a kiosk at the intersection with Route 2.

"If you were a business on the Sunday River Road and had the opportunity to go to the state and have a sign in other towns and have continuity [in signage], rather than a sign at the end of the Sunday River Road that's hard to read, you'd be trying to do something that's helping your business," he said. "The committee is trying to rework it so you're not looking at a sign at the end of the road. You're going to be looking at a sign that's back a way, where you have some time to look at it where you don't have to worry about traffic."

A temporary sign, he said, might serve as an experiment for that plan until June.

Regarding the current kiosk, Bennett said, "there's a reluctance on [the steakhouse owners'] part to share in the signage right there because they don't believe it works."

Doar said he was still concerned about the implications for other businesses of granting the request.

"There are an awful lot of interests there to try to appease," he said.

And, he said, "I think it's a bad idea, while the committee is working, to undermine that. They should be allowed to finish their work before we make any moves."

The board ultimately voted 4-1 to allow Doar's decision against the temporary signs to stand. Bennett voted in opposition.

Woodstock

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\$2,081,428. The mil rate would be 11.76.

On the revenue side, selectmen are figuring on less money from state revenue sharing (\$40,000 instead of last year's \$58,000) and from Homestead Exemption reimbursement (down \$6,500).

In addition to money articles, residents will also consider several new ordinance proposals, including a new wind power ordinance and amendments to the fireworks and property maintenance ordinances.

The wind and fireworks proposals include tighter restrictions than those currently in effect, while the property maintenance ordinance adds clarifications.

In election of town officials, Selectman Ron Deegan, SAD 44 Director Julie Davis and Library Trustees Marta Clements and Jane Mills are all running again, Maxfield said, and he knows of no one opposing them.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock Elementary School.

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Sharon

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and I was introduced to cooking for five people."

During her school years at Woodstock Elementary and High School, softball was her sport. She also excelled on the sax, clarinet, piano and drums.

"I would like to say I got my musical talent from dad," said Silver. "He could only play by ear, and I could only play by notes."

(Richard Felt has his own band, and was featured in National Geographic in 1993 because of his unique talent and how he played the harmonica. He plays old time music and has played at nursing homes, and dances, and played three times per month at the Grange Halls around the area. He would get one Sunday off a month if there were five Sundays in the month, she said.)

Silver enjoyed going to record hops with a live D.J. at the Greenwood Town Hall, at a cost of 25 cents.

"We didn't have to have parents as chaperones because the faculty and their spouses came to all the dances. They were our chaperones," she said.

There was also a dress code for staff and students. No pants or pant suits for many years for girls. When pants were allowed, it was only with a pantsuit. Skirts could only come to above the knee, and had to be worn with nylons.

"There were definitely no flip flops or sandals worn back then, said Silver. "High heels for the ladies and dress shoes for the men. No jeans, for anyone."

During her teen years, Silver had a ski jump in her back pasture. When she wasn't skiing, she was splitting wood for her family with an ax. "We didn't have wood splitters back then," she remembers. "We WERE the wood splitters."

From late spring to late fall, her dad had many a

hot dog roast at a bonfire in one of the family's gravel pits, and everyone enjoyed her mom's biscuits year round.

On Saturdays, just like in other houses across town, it was baking day.

"We made pies, cakes, cookies, rolls and hot bread," Silver recalls. "In the fall, it was nothing for mom and I to put up 500 quarts of fruits and vegetables in the pantry. When you walked into the room, it looked like a rainbow because of the colors in the jars. Our pantry and freezer were always full," she said.

From a very young age, Silver has worn many hats. She worked summers with neighborhood kids, picking acres and acres of green and yellow beans, as well as corn and cukes for the factory at Burnham and Morrill at the A.L. Stewart's canning factory. "The neighborhood kids worked on the farm to earn money. Mom and Dad had a gift of making work fun. We never knew the difference," she said.

One of her fondest memories was a ritual with her mom.

"We lived at the end of a one mile road, and unless the weather was brutal, that mile was walked to meet the bus to school. The best part of walking home at night was watching for my mom who would walk out to meet me and help carry my books home, and chat about our day," Silver said. "She always managed to bring me a treat, fresh from the oven to warm my hands, belly and heart, and to help me forget about the long walk home."

Silver sewed clothes for herself and her family for many years. "My daughter was three years old before she wore a 'store bought' dress. I even made her diapers," she said. "I remember that sneakers were a dollar a pair, and kids got one pair in the spring and

another in the summer."

From Silver's freshman year in high school to her freshman year in college, she worked weekends and vacations for Burnham and Morrill and A.L. Stewart as a switchboard operator and a 'weigh mistress' for the fruits and vegetables. She also worked on payroll.

From there, she worked at Harold's Motor Company as an accounts receivable clerk and service dept. assistant.

After graduating from Bliss Business College, in Lewiston, Silver started working for SAD 44 at Telstar in 1968. She was the secretary to then Principal C. Richard Vaughn. "We were known for our famous 'Flexible Modular Scheduling,'" she said. "I was sent to Columbus, Ohio, to attend a conference on FMS that the principal could not attend. I was the only one from Maine and the youngest at the conference, and the only one of the female gender," she said.

Other principals she worked for included Keith Cunningham, Wayne Gerson, Warren Bouchard, Brian Flynn, Walter Phillips, Ad Muller, Nancy Davis, Ellie Tracy, Bruce Bell, Bill Yeo, Ted Davis, Patrick O'Neal, David Murphy, Shawn Lambert, Daniel Hart, Sandy Schroeder and now Clark Rafter.

Silver did not work at the school in the summer, but she has worked many other places.

She worked 10 summers at the National Training Lab (NTL). From 1979-1981, she took a break from SAD 44, working part time for the Town of Woodstock as the town clerk, pro temp, at night. She waitressed at Jordan's Restaurant.

And, she said, "I took dictation and transcription for Ret. Gen. James Alger, and corresponded for him regularly with Gen. (William) Westmoreland," she said.

She also worked for three years at the Maine Teacher's Association in Norway, until the organization moved operations to Auburn.

In 1980, Silver returned to SAD 44.

She married Roy S. Silver on Christmas Eve of 1987. He was a guidance counselor, worked in industrial arts, taught wood-working for adult education; and worked in special education. He finished his working career as a bus driver. He died in 1991.

In 1992, she donned another hat, spending the summers as a landscaper, opened a florist shop, (which she ran in her free time until 2008 and still does it as a side job), owned a lawn care business, and became famous for her Christmas wreaths.

As for her 'mom hat,' Silver has one daughter, Jennifer Lynne Felt, who graduated from Telstar High School, University of Maine at Farmington, University of Maine at Orono, and holds a certificate as a literacy consultant. "She now teaches college classes and will be presenting at a National Literacy Conference in the fall," mom said proudly.

Through the years, Silver has seen things change greatly in school. "I wish we had respect, discipline, and accountability back in our lives today. The kids could benefit from it immensely," she said. "Our parents expected it of us, and we were raised to be



Telstar Middle School Secretary Sharon Silver.

(Photo: D. Rafford)

considerate of others' feelings. It wasn't 'all about me.'"

"I will always be grateful to my parents for teaching me not to be afraid to work," she said. "They taught me to be flexible and to be okay learning something new."

Silver wishes kids today would grab every opportunity that is at their finger tips. "Put down the gadgets, interact with kids and people you don't know. Use your imaginations," she said.

If you are ever in need of a smile that lights up the room, or a friendly word to make your day, or even a generous hug for those who come to school to check up on their own kids, you will find 'Mrs. Silver' sitting behind the desk, wearing multiple hats, working with the middle school kids and staff.

(Note: Please e-mail news@bethelcitizen.com or call 824-2444 with suggestions for people to profile.)

Grants

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the Greenhouse of Telstar (GOT) program, which was started in 2009.

GOT Farms is a service-learning project at Telstar Middle/High School intended to improve the health of citizens in SAD 44 by working toward goals that include using the school gardens and greenhouse to grow food for the Telstar complex; raising awareness of the importance of eating organically and locally; strengthening the "Farm to School" connections and working together with the kitchen staff and the community to bring local foods to the Telstar table more often; developing sustainable and mutually beneficial partnerships with organizations

and business in the SAD 44 community.

The students, who are under the guidance of teachers Melissa Prescott and Kate Slattery, described to directors various parts of the project, including refurbishing the greenhouse, choosing and growing the vegetables (also including a "Gourd House" and a "Squash Hill") collaborating with gardeners from the Western Mountains Senior College to tend the gardens during the summer; and cooking with the harvested vegetables.

This past year 67 students and 70 adults put in 3,860 hours on the project, which has received an average of \$2,000 in grant funds each year.

For more on the project go to the website at <http://gotfarms.wordpress.com/>.

In other business Monday, Murphy told the board he has not yet received a counterproposal from the Andover Withdrawal Committee. The town and the district are negotiating an agreement under which Andover might vote to leave SAD 44.

Under personnel, directors appointed Michelle Brown as a school social worker at the Telstar complex; Brian LaVerdiere as maintenance employee (replaces now-retired Larry Coffin); and retired teacher Linda Kuzyk as an educational technician for Title I program at CPS.



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Another birthday came and went and I tried not to notice it, but well wishes from family and friends did not give me that choice.

Birthdays are special for the young, especially those landmark years...5, 13, 16 18 and 21, but my landmark year this birthday made me Medicare eligible and I'd rather not think about it.

What I do find myself thinking about now that I'm paying for Medicare is everything that is or may be physically wrong with me and I think there is probably quite a bit.

In the past I had always ignored every ache and pain. I always told myself that the little twinges I felt here and there were nothing to get concerned about. After all, I wasn't as young as I used to be.

Now I find myself reading the doctors' columns in the newspaper and magazines with great interest. In the last couple of weeks I've determined that I have the symptoms of fibromyalgia, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, neuropathy, heart disease and several kinds of cancer.

Of course, I'm only kidding about that and my heart goes out to anyone who suffers from any of these problems. I certainly don't mean to make light of serious conditions.

But, I am only partly joking about reading the doctors' columns a little more closely. I suppose

that's quite common, as one gets older to start wondering if the aches and pains are just aging symptoms or the sign of something more.

I have also been paying more attention to the medication commercials on television. I take no medications other than a daily vitamin, but I wonder when I see the great pain relief, better flexibility and improved

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stamina medications that pharmaceutical companies are promoting.

I think that maybe I should be taking some of those wonder drugs. I could certainly use some pain relief from time to time. I definitely could benefit from more flexibility and the idea of improved stamina sounds wonderful to me.

Then I listed to all the side effects that the announcer says pretty darn fast at the end of the commercial. If you don't listen very carefully you'll miss that such and such drug may cause hives, heart attacks, blindness and in severe reactions, even death.

I'm sure the pharmaceutical companies did extensive testing on little white mice to determine what side effects

may exist, but at some point they had to test the drugs on humans. No doubt many humans were guinea pigs and the side effects were probably pretty rare. I sure hope so, but blindness, heart attacks and even a very remote possibility of death is enough to tell me that I'm okay with a little pain, stiff joints and lack of stamina.

Then at the very end of these commercials the voice over person cautions you to tell your doctor what other medications you are taking before prescribing the new wonder drug. Since my doctor is the only one who would be prescribing anything for me I would hope he would know what else I might be taking.

Well, as I said, fortunately I'm not currently taking anything. I'm sure that will change in the future as my aging body rebels to all the abuse I put it through. I would like to say that I'm in pretty good shape because of a healthy diet and plenty of exercise, but that just isn't true. It has to be genetics because I'm a really good example of a bad example when it comes to eating and exercise.

Now that I've hit that Medicare landmark I'm sure I'll start reading more doctors' columns and thinking I have more symptoms. But, the way I see it there's a whole bunch of wonder drugs that I can take to cure them...that is, if I dare.

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Terms proposed for Bethel Dog Park

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday reviewed terms and conditions for the construction of a proposed dog park on Pathway land, as well as wording for a referendum vote planned on the issue for June.

The board will vote on the final wording for the terms and referendum at their April 15 meeting.

The project, planned by a volunteer committee and proposed to be constructed with private funds, has been a source of controversy as some residents are skeptical that it will not cost taxpayer money.

The terms, drawn up by Town Manager Jim Doar, are:

Demonstration of sufficient funds to complete construction;

Funds placed in escrow that will cover dismantling of the park if main-

tenance conditions are not met in a timely fashion; Dog waste cleaned up by owners (and policed by dog park committee members) daily;

The Committee shall immediately report any deviations in construction plans dictated by conditions on the ground;

Winter use may be permitted, but will be determined by the selectmen based on a satisfactory plan submitted by the Committee, and at no time shall such use interfere with snowmobile travel or require snow removal by the Dept. of Public Works.

Failure to comply with any conditions will result in revocation of the selectmen's approval and the dismantling of the park using funds placed in escrow.

A seventh condition was added at the meeting: The

Committee will be responsible for moving the existing snowmobile trail on the site.

Selectman Don Bennett said that while no town funds will be budgeted for the park, "Taxpayers are going to wind up with some little piece of this."

He noted that as the town adds multiple facilities, little tasks can add up, and residents should be aware of that.

"There are things that will happen at the dog park," acknowledged Doar. "I don't envision public works taking on a major maintenance role. Anything on town land, he said, "is going to have some town involvement."

He gave the example of the existing skatepark, which was privately funded. Doar said the town does little maintenance

but does, for example, put out a snow fence each year as a barrier to snowmobiles passing nearby.

Steve Wight of the Dog Park Committee also presented rules of etiquette for the park to selectmen. The rules would be posted at the park.

As for the referendum questions itself, the tentative wording is "To see if the Town will vote to construct a dog park at Davis Park solely with donated funds and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept cash donations from municipalities, private individuals, and foundations; and to accept donations of materials, equipment, labor and services; all for the purpose of constructing a Dog Park at Davis Park under terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen."

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



On Saturday, March 16, there will be a child-friendly snowshoe hike at

Maggie's Nature Park in Greenwood. When Maggie Ring gave the land to the town of Greenwood for a park, she wanted to make sure that there were trails for everyone. The park has seven trails, each one is different. Some wind

uphill around large boulders; others offer views of the nearby ponds and hills. Maggie said, "I also want a trail where old ladies like me can walk." Maggie's Loop trail is a gentle trail that borders a small stream, and in the winter there is usually a beautiful cascade of ice on a nearby rocky ledge. My favorite trail is the Ring Trail, which is a bit more strenuous than Maggie's Loop. At the top you can watch skiers come down the slopes of neighboring Mt. Abram. The park is

OCSB Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, March 5

At 10:05 p.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and Chris Davis responded to the East Bethel Road for a report of a suspicious person. The complaint was unsubstantiated.

Wednesday, March 6

At 3 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie responded to a property-damage accident on the Sunday River Road in Bethel. One vehicle left the scene. The second driver did not realize there was damage and was contacted.

Thursday, March 7

At 2:03 p.m. Deputy Mike Halacy responded to a vacant residence for a report of fuel being stolen.

At 6:32 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie and Sgt. Matt Baker responded to a two-vehicle crash on the Mayville Road. There were no injuries. The driver of one vehicle was summoned for OUI.

Saturday, March 9

At 1:16 a.m. Deputies Matt Noyes and Chris Davis responded to Summer Street for a report of an intoxicated person attempting to drive. On arrival, the officers found the subject had passed out and lit himself on fire. He was extinguished by another subject and taken to the hospital. Lifeflight intercepted the patient in Woodstock.

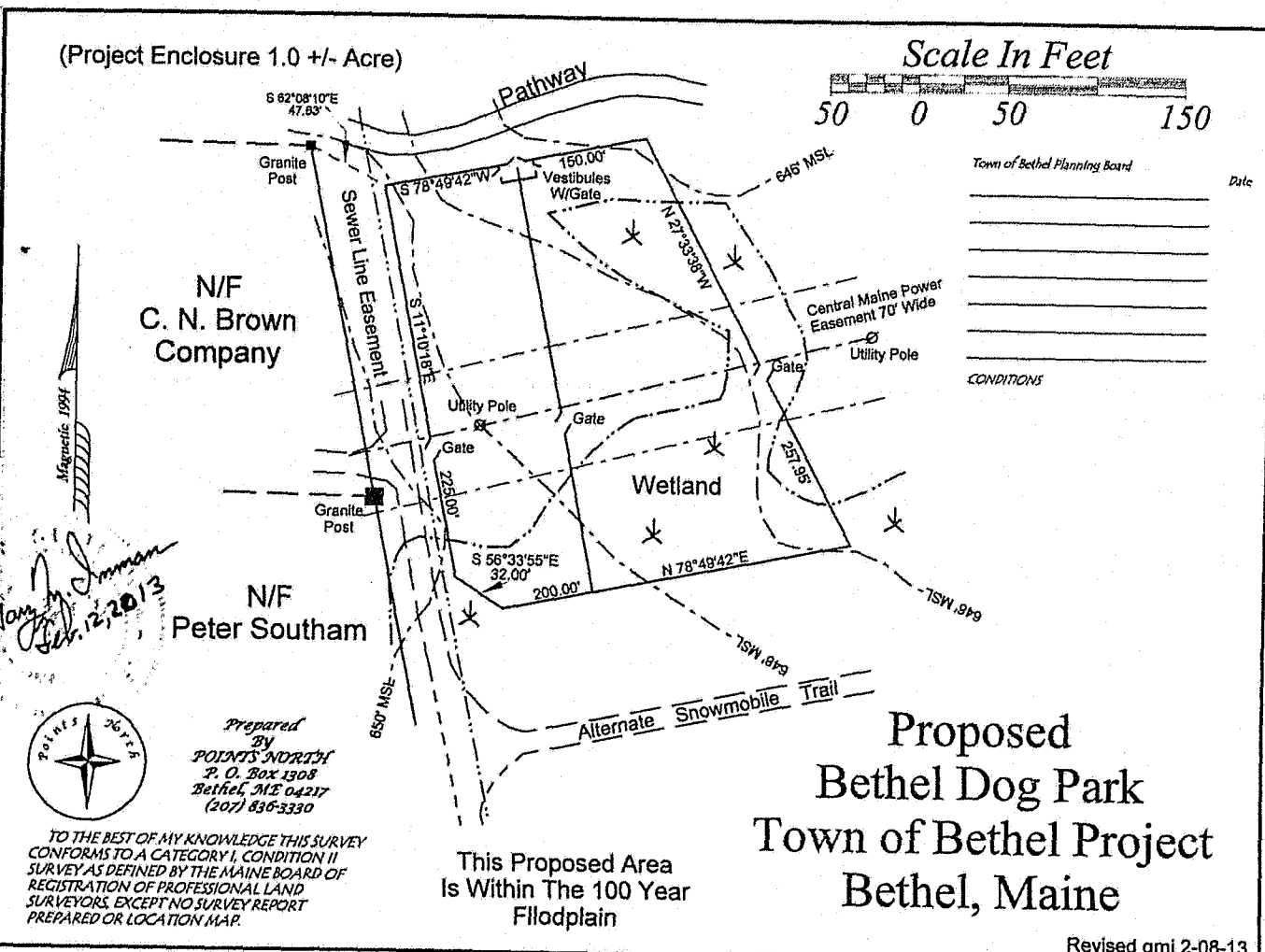
At 7:09 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman responded to the Mayville Road to take possession of a small bag of marijuana that had been located.

At 5:44 p.m. on the Mayville Road Deputy Peter Casey arrested Nicholas O. Smith, 31, of Bryant Pond for operating with an expired license over 90 days, operating with an open container on a public way and operating an uninspected motor vehicle.

Sunday, March 10

At 3:32 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland received a report that at 12:30 a.m. a driver was turning around on Mayville Road when another vehicle struck him.

At 11:05 p.m. a report of telephone harassment was received from Mason Street. Deputy Sullivan Rizzo



To the left is the Shell Station/Dunkin Donuts (C.N. Brown) on Route 2.

(Drawing by Gary Inman, Points North)

Andover

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clude basing permit fees on square footage and requiring applications for the construction of large structures (with a clear span exceeding 24 feet) to have a certified engineering plan.

Voters will also be asked to form a committee to up-

date the town's expired Comprehensive Plan and approve an Andover Addressing Ordinance, which would establish how properties would be numbered.

The meeting starts at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

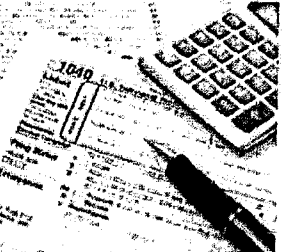
In town elections that

will take place March 19, Selectman Keith Farrington is running for a three-year term unopposed, Merrow said. SAD 44 Director Keith Smith is retiring.

She said Esau Cooper, an Andover native who has a child at AES, is a write-

in candidate for the position. To vote for a write-in candidate, residents must both write the name and check the box next to it, she said.

A soup buffet by the Andover Service Circle will take place at noon at the Town Hall.



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awesome in all seasons, but in the winter there are better views. On Saturday, bring your snowshoes and poles and a bottle of water. Snacks will be provided. The park is in Greenwood on the Greenwood Road, 1.4 miles from the fire station. The hike is from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and is sponsored by Mahoosuc Land Trust. For information, call Bonnie Pooley at 824-2236.

Although snowshoeing in the woods is still good, the pond ice is no longer user-friendly. Warm weather and rain has softened the ice and made it dangerous in many spots. In some areas, you can see open water along the shore and where streams and underground springs feed the ponds. Even though ice fishing season lasts until the end of March, the calendar doesn't always match reality. Use judgment and caution.

Another sign of spring: I saw my first pussy willow blossoms on March 11.

"How to Make Good Meals in 30 Minutes or Less" is the topic of a program to be held at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel on Thursday, March 21, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Chef Elton Cole and Pat Watson, Registered Dietitian at Stephens Memorial Hospital, will hold a workshop on creating quick, healthy, simple meals. Food samples and recipes will be provided. The program is sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College with the collaboration of Bethel Family Health Center, MSAD 44 Continuing Education, and Maine Health Learning Resource Center of SMH. The public is invited. Admission is free. For more information, call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

My apologies to anyone who has e-mailed me, or received e-mails from me, in the past few days. In recent months, Yahoo account holders have been the target of frequent hacking. I was one of those people. If you received an odd e-mail from me last week, I did not send it. I have changed my e-mail to brownnancy1950@gmail.com. If you have news to share, e-mail there. Or call 824-2483.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



There has been no comment from Neil so far, about Arlene trapping for him.

Could it be that our mayor didn't read the news?

Esther Wilson told me that on Sunday, the 10th there was a birthday party for Kylee Mills at the Ledgewood Nursing Home, where one of her grandfathers lives. Happy belated 1st Birthday, Kylee. Jackie was also there visiting and she had a birthday on the 2nd. Here, too, belated Happy Birthday.

Lynn Zimmerman went to a Climate Rally in Washington, D.C. with a busload of folks from the National Resource Council of Maine. There were over 35,000 people in attendance at this event on Sunday, Feb. 17.

Now, on to the answer to the Trivia. John Decatur Hastings was elected selectman in the years 1884, '85 and '86. He was the son of John Hastings, brother of Gideon Hastings and married to Emma Bean. They lived on the Asa Kimball homestead in East Bethel.

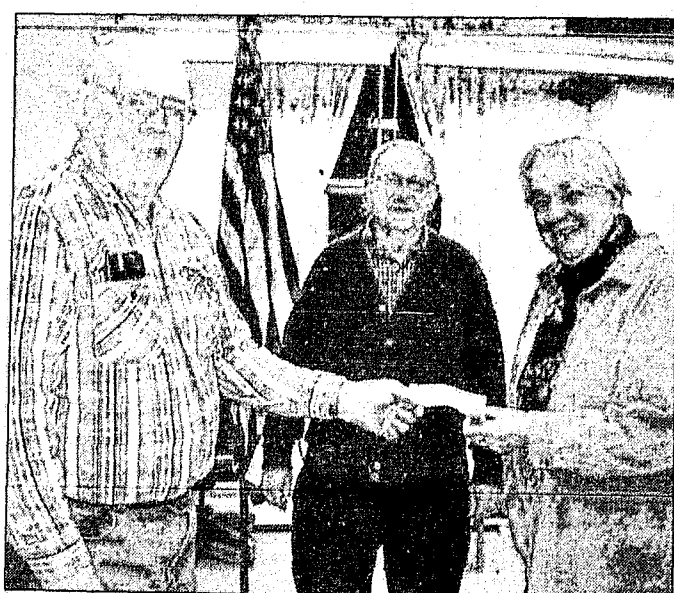
Please, remember to call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net or a visit at the Shop would also be appreciated. Have a great week.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met on Saturday, March 2, for a regular meeting at the Grange Hall. Under communications, a letter from Karen Flagg, CWA director. Donations to be sent by CWA. Voted to put on the Senior Citizens Dinner on July 11. The May 6 meeting will be Instructions and Inspections. Tentative date for next Hee-Haw Show will be May 4. June 17 will be CWA meeting. The Grange gave the Daughters of Union Veterans \$239.50 toward the monument fund from the Chowder Fest. There was plenty of food thanks to all who cooked, but a lack of peo-



DONATION TO FOOD PANTRY- At the recent Supreme Convention of the Knights of Pythias monetary gifts to local lodges were made to go toward community service projects. The two longest-time members of Cabot Lodge #117, Freeman Farrington and Roger Mills, then presented a \$250 check to Linda Couture, director of the Andover Food Pantry. The pantry is open on Tuesdays for 9-10 a.m. at the First Congregational Church. Cabot Lodge was founded on Oct. 22, 1897.

ple to eat it. Next meeting is March 16 at 10 a.m. with potluck dinner following. Program was Opening thought - Bertha Dehaas, Song - "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," thoughts on St. Patrick's Day memories, closing song.

Whitman Memorial Library's program for the month of March will be today, March 14, at 2 p.m. Carol Welsh will be guest speaker. She is both a birth mother and adoptive mother, also an author and jewelry designer with degrees in physiology and human relations. She has written a book, "360 Square." Her mission is to share light on human strength and resilience, raise awareness of the complexities of adoption, and inspire artistic design and the written word.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, and Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Prayer Meeting. The church now has a larger bus to bring children to Sunday School. Remember the last Monday of the month is Town Meeting.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens met on Thursday at Ledgewood Memorial Home. A delicious dinner was served and program was stretching exercises led by Leslie Baumgartel. Next meet-

ing is April 4. Dinner will be put on by Daughters of Union Veterans. Place to be announced. Program, different bugs in your garden by Extension Service.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



We actually remembered to set our clocks ahead this past weekend. The

weather was nice and almost like spring. Most of the snow has melted off the roof and puddles from melting snow are forming at the end of the driveway.

My brother, Steve McLain, was at the house last Saturday. We went over to the town office and he helped me remove the sign on the door that has the hours posted. (more under town news)

Mary Tyler has seen a couple of Starlings at her feeder this past weekend. There has also been a Red-Breasted Nuthatch that has appeared also. She said the other morning she looked out and someone had pulled down her tray feeders. Upon investigating, it appeared to be the fox, who has been traveling around at night. The other day I looked out just as it was getting light and the gray fox was on the front lawn looking back at me.

William and Annie Chapman spent this past weekend with their Dad, Michele, Ajay and Sidney in Gorham, N.H. William is getting so tall that he is now taller than me. Annie told us that she had an art project (self portrait) picked for an exhibition at the Saco Museum of Art. The Saco Museum presents an art show with artwork produced by students in their public schools. This is done in conjunction with National Youth Art Month, Celebrate Student Art.

Bob and Judy Bishop called last Saturday to check in with a few things regarding the Gilead Historical Society and to see what was happening in Gilead.

Lise McLain sent the following e-mail on what has been happening lately with the McLains:

"Lise McLain visited with her brother and sister-in-law, Andre and Eileen Dupont, on Sunday, March 3, in Gorham, New Hampshire. Steve and Lise McLain send birthday wishes to Andre and Eileen's son, Michael Dupont, who has a birthday on March 12. Happy birthday, Michael!"

Lise McLain attended the luncheon for seniors at Gould Academy on Monday, March 4. Lise McLain attended a workshop at the Town and Country on Tuesday, March 5 regarding estate planning for the elderly.

Steve and Lise McLain are sending birthday wishes to their son, Bradley McLain, whose birthday is March 11. Happy Birthday, Bradley!

Steve and Lise McLain are sending birthday wishes to their dog, Isis, who will be fifteen (15) years old on March 9. They have had her since she was seven (7) weeks old, and she has been ill for about one and half years, and gets her meds and supplements every day. She will always have a loving home until the day she dies, and will never be abandoned whereby she has responsible parents who love and care for her. Isis was named after the Egyptian Goddess. Happy birthday, Isis!

Lise McLain, who is a thoroughbred racing fan,

sends birthday wishes to Zenyatta's first foal, a colt, who had a first birthday on March 8. The colt has not been named as yet."

Town Office

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on March 30 at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Town Report is almost finished and will be available within the next week.

As far as office hours go, the Town Clerk/Treasurer and the Deputy Tax Collector will be in the office on Tuesday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. Since the Tax Collector resigned, there will be no opportunity to re-register motor vehicles until April. Any vehicle registrations can be done at the Greenwood Town Office or on line with Rapid Renewal. <https://www1.maine.gov/online/bmv/rapid-renewal/>

Many thanks go out to the staff of the Greenwood Town Office for their patience and kindness in helping us through yet another bump in the road toward being able to register motor vehicles.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmalm@hotmail.com

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



The Greenwood Post Office hours are changing. Effective March 23 (a Saturday) window service will be as follows: Monday-Friday 8-10 a.m. and 2:15-4:15 p.m.; Saturday 8-11:30 a.m.

Doug Grover, owner of an unauthorized trash site on Rowe Hill Road, met with Selectmen and brought in pictures he had taken to show he has begun clean-up at the site. Grover again asked that the Selectmen cease legal action against him. In response, they said that since their request for Grover to clean up the site has been going on for over a year, they will continue the legal process.

The mold and mildew problem at the Town Office and the need for replacement was discussed by the Selectmen. The suggestion was brought



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FSB CFO Tim Thompson with Stephen Mitchell, owner of the Maine School of Masonry, in the Avon classroom, and student Matthew Goldman.

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Masonry is a trade traditionally handed down but today only 200 masons are ready to take the place of 2000 retiring masons nationwide, according to Steve Mitchell, owner of the Maine School of Masonry. "The trades are there. We need them. It's a good trade for the right student. They can leave here with a bag of tools," he said, adding that there is gratification in masonry. "When you are finished at the end of the day, brickwork looks good. People don't notice the electricity in a new building but they always notice the fireplace."



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forth that the current town office be torn down and replaced with a modular building on the same site. Selectman Fred Henderson commented that the current site will always be wet and present future problems regardless of the type of structure. (Good point, Fred.) He suggested looking at a different location. The Selectmen plan to talk with the Locke's Mills Legion about location possibilities.

Of course, the Town already owns land and a building along Main Street/Route 26. That is the Town Hall. Town Manager Kim Sparks said using that building could be expensive and would take time. A modular building would be quicker. As we all know, quicker is often not better. We have thoughtful town officials. Let's hope they can develop a good long-term solution that goes beyond a modular structure. Let's see if there is a cost-effective way to use what we have.

Joelle Corey-Whitman, our Code Enforcement Officer, was appointed health officer for Greenwood. She will be taking the required training soon. Sparks previously served in that capacity.

The Planning Board recently reviewed an amendment to our site ordinance review process to include regulations on wind power. The Selectmen will review it at their meeting next week. Town meeting is May 18.

Get your dancing shoes on this Saturday evening. The Rockin' Roadrunners perform for your dancing and listening pleasure March 16, 8-midnight, at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road. The event is sponsored by the Greenwood Fire Department and will benefit them as well as the Greenwood Fire Auxiliary, and the Legion Auxiliary.

The advance tickets are \$7 for single or \$13 for a couple. Tickets at the door will be \$8 single or \$15 couple. There will be refreshments for sale. BYOB, no one under 21 admitted.

And speaking of celebrations, Sunday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day. As the Irish in me says, time for some corned beef and a Guinness!

A seldom-seen lake creature showed up at Twitchell Pond recently. While ice fishing, Chris Walker and Logan Whitney created a local version of Scotland's Loch

Ness monster. Christened "Locke" Ness, the 10-foot Nessie was dyed green and graced us with her presence until the temperatures rose. She was appreciated by many.

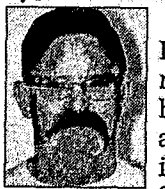
The rabbits are changing from their winter white to their brown warm weather fur. I spotted one hopping through the trees and, while still mostly white, there were patches of brown that gave the rabbit a mottled appearance.

The snow is changing as well. No more of those dainty flakes. The warmer weather and the cycles of nights below freezing and days above cause the snow crystals to freeze together. The first type of snow formed by this cycle is sugar snow. This granular snow has small to moderate crystals. Then comes the corn snow with large corn-kernel size crystals. Corn snow is a wet snow that has gone through a series of melt/freeze cycles. These cycles start with a night freeze causing a crust of frozen snow with wet snow underneath. With rising daytime temperatures the crust melts and the consistency of the snow goes from a nice crispy skiing surface to eventual slush in a warm afternoon. Then the cycle starts again with the night cold. The final snow cycle - mud.

You can send news to staichi6@gmail.com.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The State Line Snowmobile Club held their annual ride-in cook-out Saturday, March 9, at Ray and Marie Chabot's "Sugar Shack." They had their busiest year and biggest turnout so far.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will sponsor a fishing derby Sunday, March 17, on Umbagog Lake. Entry time is from 7 to 10:30 a.m. They will have signs and directions at the boat landing in Cambridge, N.H.

The Letter B Notch Riders ATV club held their first meeting of 2013 on Sunday, March 10. The club talked about goals and priorities for the year. They have bridges to build, trails to sign, and club rides to organize.

It is difficult to perform a snow dance while standing in the mud.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Andover

By JANE RICH



Don't forget this evening at 6 p.m. there will be a special event, "Spiritual Gardening" at the CEB.

The presenter is Rev. Virginia Rickman.

Town Meeting is Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. From looking over the warrant, it seems to me Selectmen and the Budget Committee are to be congratulated in holding the line on spending for 2013. Article 4 proposes that \$140,000 be taken from surplus to offset taxation for this year which should help the bottom line. There are modest increases in wages for Town employees. Both the Library and Fire Department, which traditionally evoke a lot of comment, have slight decreases in their funding requests. The Selectboard recommends raising \$100,000 to deal with the possible withdrawal from SAD 44/RSU 44. The official warrant is posted in the Town Office and other sites.

The Andover Service Circle will be serving lunch in the dining room around 11:30 a.m.

After a long day at Town Meeting, it will be time for some fun, as horse-drawn sleigh rides will be available at Puzzle Mountain Farm (Dan Pearce's on Route 5) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the courtesy of Harry and Tammy Hutchinson. The fee is \$5 for adults. Children young enough to sit on a parent's lap are free. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, call Kim or Dan at 392-1197. All proceeds from this event will go to the Kevin Hughes family. Kevin had major heart surgery in Boston recently where he is still a patient. So wear your green in honor of St. Patrick's Day and support a member of the community. We extend get well wishes to Kevin.

Next Saturday, March 23, the Andover Food Pantry will be holding a food sale featuring Andover's best cooks. In addition to the many baked goods and breads, take-out foods will be available including coleslaw, baked beans, American Chop Suey and sweet and sour meat balls. Please patronize

this important fundraiser as every dollar the pantry earns will be matched by a grant. The pantry is open on Tuesdays from 9-10 a.m. and provides food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas as well as gifts for local children. Your support makes all of this possible.

Sympathy is extended to the Hall Family and relatives in the recent death of two sisters, Margaret Hall Farrington and Betty Hall Warren.

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER



We all waited and waited for a very long time for the snow showers and clouds to depart and they finally did last Saturday! We woke in the morning to a cloudless sky and bright, warm sunshine. Now mud season is upon us. Warm days and cold nights have made some of the best walking crusts in years. Snowmobile riders and skiers have been taking advantage of the great traveling also.

Saturday, March 30, will be the meeting for Hanover Assessors to discuss property appraisals with property owners. The meeting will be from 10 until 11 a.m. at the Town Office. The Select Persons' meeting will be at a special time this month on Tuesday, March 26, at 6 p.m. in the Town House. Due to the lack of agenda items the Hanover Planning Board has not met most of the winter. To meet with the Planning Board call the Hanover Town Office two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting. The Planning Board is scheduled to meet the first Wednesday of each month.

Some of us even remembered to turn the clocks ahead last Saturday for Daylight Savings Time.

Wilma Rector has returned home from her treatments in Boston. That is the best news we have heard.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last Sunday Jim Rose filled in for pastor John Williams at the West Bethel Church. Jim's sermon

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



March 8 - Good Friday morning to y'all; it's a great sunny day here with temps up to 38 degrees and climbing. A beautiful spring morning for sure. Condolences are going out to the following families on the loss of their loved ones, Barbara Jean Paradis, Mary Crosby, Margaret Mason, and Leslie H. Scribner. Thoughts and prayers to each family.

Many of our Down East Country Music Association musicians and performers are leaving tomorrow for their long trip to Pigeon Forge, Tenn., for a week's competition. We are wishing each of them good luck in their competitions and hope they come home with a nice trophy. And hoping they have some great weather to enjoy while they are there. Safe travel mercies for those who will be traveling by chartered bus and for all who will be driving down in their own cars.

Roads are posted all over the county, that's another sign of spring.

I have decided to plant some crocuses and a forsythia bush this spring. And anxiously awaiting buds to start forming on the trees and my bleeding hearts and rose bushes.

I have started my spring cleaning - lots of items being donated to the Goodwill and saving many items for my garage sale.

Three more weeks of country jam sessions at the Eagles in Rumford on Friday nights, then off for the spring and summer months. Great music, good friends and dancing every Friday night from October to March.

Thanks Bub, for keeping these jams going for those of us who like to have something to do throughout the fall and winter months.

Oh my, just looked out and see that the wind has started blowing real hard. The band enjoyed our time entertaining for the residents in Auburn on

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That's all from the valley this week. Stay well and enjoy each day.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



The weather has been delightfully mild. I hear that will not last and we will have snow again by the end of this week. It is still March so that should be no surprise. At least some of the snow piles have melted. If the predicted rains come, more will have melted by Thursday. That will be good. I'd like to be able to see the house without looking through piles of snow and ice.

This again will be short as in an attempt to bake I re-insured my back. Pathetic really, but it is because I didn't bend at the knees because my knees are bad. So it goes. Mountain Poets met Sunday evening and we had a great meeting. We had one new person and then two drop-ins. It was great. We had a number of humorous poems to start the evening off right. Next

meeting is April 14.

Thursday, March 14, ACOA will meet at the Waterford Library at 10 a.m. It is a discussion meeting and new members are welcome. FMI please call 739-9115.

March 14 is also an early release day at SAD 17 schools.

March 16 University Coop Extension will hold a class on pruning Apple Trees, at 9 a.m. Snow date will be March 17. This will be at Pie Tree Orchards in Sweden. Cost is \$25.

March 21 SeniorsPlus will be at Norway Town Hall from 1-4 p.m. It is open to the public. For an appointments please call (800) 427-1241.

March 24, Rotary will hold their Breakfast at Ordway Hall, Gould Academy from 7:30-11 a.m. Tickets: \$7 adults in advance. At the door it is \$8. Children \$3.

One additional note, the Town of Norway is looking for budget input especially on the roads. From my perspective, the real problem is with the State roads such as 118. That is a nightmare for anyone in pain to ride on.

That is all for this week. Have a great week and if you see Polly Davis, wish her a Happy Birthday.



INSTALLATION SUNDAY FOR NEW NAZARENE PASTOR-A Passing of the Bible and Installation Service for incoming Bethel Nazarene Pastor Peter R. Carter and his wife, Elaine, will take place Sunday at 4 p.m. at the church on Church Street. The service will be an opportunity for the community to greet outgoing Pastor Charles B. "Chuck" Mason III and his wife, Kathy, and to welcome the Carters. A time of fellowship and refreshments follows. All are welcome. Pastor Carter has been serving since 2008 as associate pastor at the Dixfield Plains Church of the Nazarene. The Carters have resided in Weld since 2001. (Submitted photo)

Civil War trail guide available at BHS

The Bethel Historical Society is pleased to announce that it now has on hand a free 20-page, full color guide to the "Maine Civil War Trail," a state-wide project involving Civil War-related exhibits at twenty-three different sites. As a participant in this significant venture, the society will open an exhibit on May 28 entitled "In the Field and On the Homefront: Bethel During the Civil War."

Americans, north and south, responded to the demands of the conflict in similar ways. Husbands, fathers and sons enlisted in the army and navy, sometimes on opposing sides. Women kept the homefires burning while supporting the troops as nurses, Sanitary Commission workers and spies. Children did their part, too, working on the farms and in mills producing weapons, gunpowder, blankets and the like. Some 70,000 Maine men and an uncounted number of women served on the battlefields. Thousands more labored at home to provide for the troops what the federal government could not. The exhibits along the Maine Civil War Trail will tell their stories.

The State of Maine played a vitally important role in the country during the 1850s, '60s and '70s. She led the nation in shipbuilding and forestry products; her rapidly expanding mills produced a variety of textile items and footwear; and her politicians held a great deal of influence on the national scene. Indeed, Maine sent more men per capita to the war than any other northern state. The State's participation in and response to the war is a complex story that will be explored and interpreted in a collaborative fashion by the participating Maine Civil War Trail institutions in Maine.

The Trail opens in spring 2013, and other activities that complement the Trail will be taking place throughout Maine during 2013. For further details and updates, check the Trail website at www.maineCivilWarTrail.org.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is western Maine's largest and most comprehensive historical agency. With nearly 1,000 members, the society fosters a sense of place - with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region - by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the society acquired the 1813 Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which now contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library.

WMSC program on Good Meals

How to make "Good Meals in 30 Minutes or Less" is the topic of a To Your Health program to be held on Thursday, March 21, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Chef Elton Cole and Pat Watson, Registered Dietitian, Stephens Memorial Hospital (SMH), will hold a workshop on putting together quick and easy meals. The program is part of a year-long series offered by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC) focusing on the theme, "maximizing our health and happiness as we grow older, or keeping the glass half-full."

Watson will give a talk on how to make meals nutritious, delicious and simple. She is well known to the area, having presented a popular workshop on "Eating for Healthy Aging" a year ago and a program on "Diabetes - Small Steps Big Rewards" several years ago.

Cole will hold a hands-on cooking demonstration. He said, "Quick, healthy meals can be prepared without the need to use prepackaged, frozen, boxed or canned products that can be extremely high in saturated fats and sodium." This will be the focus of his workshop, and he expects to prepare two dishes for sampling. He will also talk about good sources for recipes and offer tips on both personal and food handling safety.

Watson is a registered, licensed dietitian and certified diabetes educator with a master's degree in nutritional sciences. She has been employed at SMH for 22 years and is currently the Director of Food and Nutrition Services as well as the dietitian for the hospital's diabetes education program. In addition to her work as a clinical dietitian, Watson has experience in public health, long-term care, and as a college professor. In 2010 Watson was recognized by the Maine Dietetic Association as the Outstanding Dietitian of the Year.

Cole, a graduate of Telstar High School, has an Associate Arts Degree in Culinary Arts from the N.H. Vocational Technical College, Berlin, NH. He has worked for many years as head cook, production coordinator, and Manager of the Food Services Department at SMH, where he has been employed for nearly 30 years. He is currently employed by the Maine Medical Center as the MaineHealth On-Site Supply Chain Manager for SMH.

The program is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, call R. Tift at 824-2053.

Extension farm pond construction and trout stocking workshop

On Saturday, March 23, there will be a Farm Pond Construction and Trout Stocking Workshop held at the Oxford County Extension Office in South Paris. At 10 a.m. Candace Gilpatrick, Natural Resource Conservation Service Agricultural Engineer will lead the workshop on farm pond construction. At 12:30 Sonny Pierce, retired from the IF&W and owner of Shy Beaver Hatchery, will follow with a workshop on stocking your private pond with trout. Both of these workshops will include time for individual questions and answers. There is a fee of \$10 per workshop, check-in for the morning is at 9:30, snacks and lunch will be served and pre-registration by March 16 is required.

To register for one or both of these workshops, please call 743-5789, ext. 111, email jean.federico@me.nacdn.net, net, go to www.oxfordswd.net and follow the links, or stop by our office on Olson Road.

Annual rainbow, brown and brook trout sale
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Cultural Tourism at Business After Hours

Cultural Tourism offers a new wave of economic opportunity for Western Maine. Learn how when the Mahoosuc Arts Council hosts a Business After Hours event with the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce March 15 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bingham Auditorium, on the Gould Academy campus, 45 Church Street, Bethel.

Learn about which economic development council is backing the largest economic development arts collaborative in Maine to build arts-related tourism and new opportunities for local businesses. Learn how you can reach new customers by partnering with local arts organizations of all kinds.

For fun there will be live music on stage, theater tours of Bingham Auditorium, refreshments, ARTirondack Chair previews and the Mtn. Arts Guide Ad Contest: "So you think you know the arts in Western Maine?!" win a \$150 1/2 page ad in the new 2012-2013 Mtn. Art Guide!

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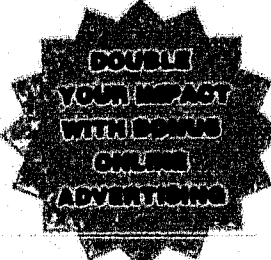
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Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation welcomes Oxford Casino as Premier Ski-A-Thon sponsor

Oxford Casino has joined Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation's signature fundraising event, the Ski-A-Thon, as a Premier Sponsor, contributing \$10,000 to the organization. The Ski-A-Thon takes place Saturday, March 23, at Sunday River.

"We are very excited to welcome Oxford Casino as a key Ski-A-Thon sponsor," says Executive Director Peter Adams. "Their contribution is a significant boost in helping Maine Adaptive strive toward making this 28th Ski-A-Thon our best ever. We warmly welcome this new neighbor to our community of supporters. Their financial contribution to our mission is greatly appreciated and we look forward to a long partnership with them as we continue to serve more people in more places than ever before."

Oxford Casino General Manager Jack Sours commented, "We are committed to supporting Maine Adaptive and their powerful mission of providing year-round education and training for children and adults with physical disabilities."

The 28th Annual Ski-A-Thon is likely to raise over \$300,000 for Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation, the state's largest adaptive recreation program for children and adults with physical disabilities. Over 70 teams, each with five members, have already registered to participate in the event and are busy fundraising in preparation for March 23. Based on the high level of excitement this year, we expect 100 teams to have registered before the event! Skiers, fundraisers and corporations from throughout New England will gather at Sunday River's Grand Summit hotel to celebrate a full day of games, live music, meals and activities including a fun race, costume contest, an obstacle course, scavenger hunt and an educational tent with demos of adaptive equipment. Since 1985, the Ski-A-Thon has been the primary source of revenue supporting Maine Adaptive's year-round programs, all of which are free for participants.

About Maine Adaptive

Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation (Maine Adaptive), a nonprofit organization, was founded as Maine Handicapped Skiing in 1982 at Sunday River to provide adaptive recreation opportunities for children and adults with physical disabilities. The organization launched a new name and logo last year to better describe its year-round programming in a wide variety of sports, activities and locations. In 2012, Maine Adaptive served over 400 participants statewide through programs that include alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, golf, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, hiking and cycling. All Maine Adaptive lessons and programs have always been and continue to be completely free of charge to the participants.

Sunday River Ski Resort hosts Maine Adaptive's largest winter program and includes alpine skiing, snowboarding, the alpine race team and the Veterans No Boundaries program.

For more information on supporting Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation or becoming involved as a participant or volunteer contact Maine Adaptive via phone (800) 639-7770 or e-mail info@maineadaptive.org or visit the website www.maineadaptive.org.

Celladore

'What do you do for fun?'

The third jump she made, I met my Waterloo. Pat and I were walking up the Farwell Mountain road having an animated discussion about zoning laws. Suddenly I was on the ground, and so was Pat, who scrambled to her feet at once and grabbed the bridles of both horses. What had happened? Pat said a little black animal had scurried by us and into the woods; I was on the ground before she fell off. She was not much shaken up as Princess was heavy and not as agile as Duch.

I got up with difficulty, tried to remount but could not swing my leg up over the saddle and fell back on the ground. Pat tried to help me, but still I could not make it. The horses were quite calm now; when anyone fell off they were so shocked and amazed that they stood quietly waiting. Pat tied Duch to a tree, as I crawled a short distance away and leaned against another tree. Then she rode off for help.

B.B. and Louis were just leaving the Celladore yard with the horse trailer when Pat burst from the woods, obviously in distress, so they waited. She reported my mishap.

They came down around the mountain and up the road to rescue me. Duch was happy to be released and into the trailer. I managed to get into the truck with a boost from the men, and we all came safely home. I could move my leg sideways, though I pained, but decided I would be all right alone so B.B. and Louis went on about their business.

Next morning I was no worse; it did not seem necessary to go to a doctor. I gradually improved though I had to wear a dress for a week and curtail all my activities. B.B. decided that from now on it would not be really safe to let everyone ride Duch. They too might meet a bear.

In the pasture Duch was as good a weather prophet as Kristie had been. One balmy October evening Kristie had begged and called to be taken up; we ignored her. At midnight B.B. had to get up in a cold, driving rain and bring her in. After that we trusted her. And now Duch.

We always knew when the black flies were departing. A sure sign would be a sundown when the horses did not come to the gate and ask to come in. All our beasts lived together harmoniously, though one was always the boss. Duch was not only the boss, she was an imperious queen. All she did was lay back one ear and everyone stood back and let her drink first from the tub. She swished her tail; they all moved back and let her come out the gate first.

But one day she had her comeuppance, and even then as soon as she recovered her energy she screamed to be allowed back into the fray.

Len P. was another horseman. He had bought a new horse, it made one too many for his barn, he had not decided which one to sell so he brought his Canadian Chris up to spend a week with us. Canadian Chris was a hunter, as big as a small draft horse but seemed docile. The men put him to pasture with ours, waiting a few minutes as always when a new animal comes. All grazed serenely, the men departed.

I had been gardening strenuously all afternoon, had just taken an outside bath and settled myself cool and freshly-clothed on the porch to read when I heard a murderous scream from the birch pasture.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

Fly Fishing Film Tour coming to Bethel Inn

Gray Ghost Production's newest film, "Turning Tail: The Atlantic Salmon's Great New Leap" will be featured on the 2013 Fly Fishing Film Tour, coming to the Bethel Inn Resort on Saturday, March 23 at 6 p.m.

Filmed on-location from Connecticut to Labrador, Turning Tail is a combination of adventure and science, a compilation of all that is good in North America; the fight to hold on to a North American treasure, and the obsession with the holy grail of freshwater angling. From the rich sporting heritage to the mystery while at sea, this film takes you on an exploration of a lifetime.

Carter Davidson, owner and creative director of Gray Ghost said, "The timing and sentiment was right for the film to be made. Historically, Atlantic salmon has had an incredible impact on the cultural fabric of the North East. Many people considered the Atlantic Salmon a total loss. It is not, and that's the story we needed to tell."

Adventure is a focal point of the films being featured in this year's tour. "As a fly fisherman and an adventure filmmaker, being selected for the Fly Fishing Film Tour is the top prize. I am honored to be a part of the event," Davidson said.

Duplessis named master designer

Carole Duplessis of Pooh Corner Farm, Gilead, has been inducted into Maine Master Floral Designers.

One of Maine State Florist and Growers Associations' goals is to provide quality education for its members. One of the courses offered is the Maine Master Floral Design School (mmfd). The advanced floral design course provides specialized, up-to-date and in-depth knowledge of the elements and principles of design coupled with experience in floral mechanics and techniques. This course of study is applied to floral compositions that are complex in theory and design. mmfd was established in 2003 to promote floral design excellence for the members of MSF&GA. The focus is to provide a source for higher standards in the art of floristry. Students must pass at 80 percent or higher and are graded on the evaluation of nine designs plus a surprise package, theme category development, designer's notebook, three written tests and a final exam. Upon passing this class students may use the addendum mmfd after their name. Students who obtain mmfd are those who have proven that they understand the art of floral compositions and can design with a creative flair.

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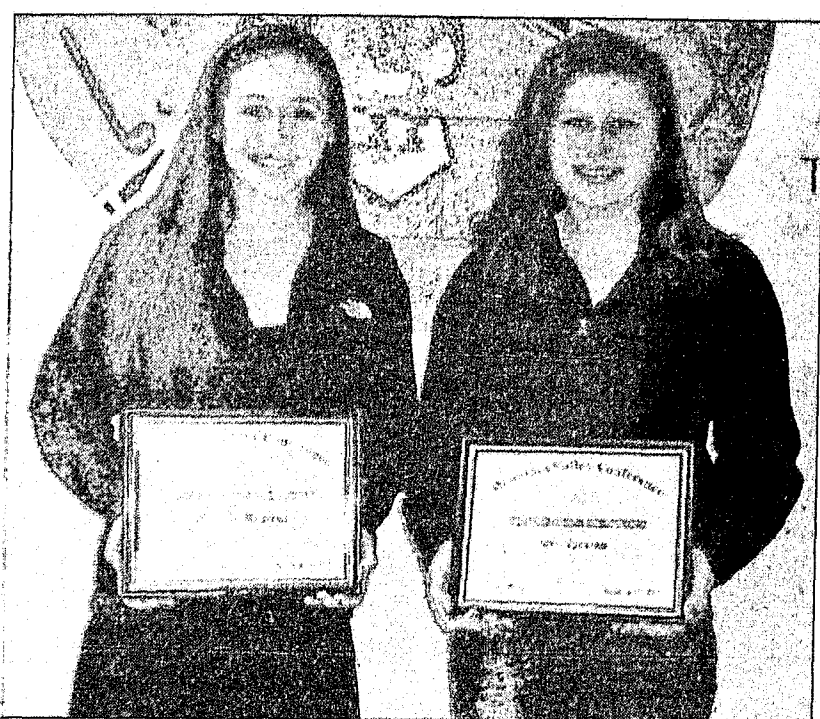
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Telstar High School 2012-2013 Winter Sports Awards



SKIING ATHLETES OF THE MONTH
Liam Gallagher (Nordic), Greg Wheeler (Alpine), Nick Johnson (Alpine) Absent: Anneliese Smith (Nordic).



MOUNTAIN VALLEY CONFERENCE ALL-STARS HONORABLE MENTION
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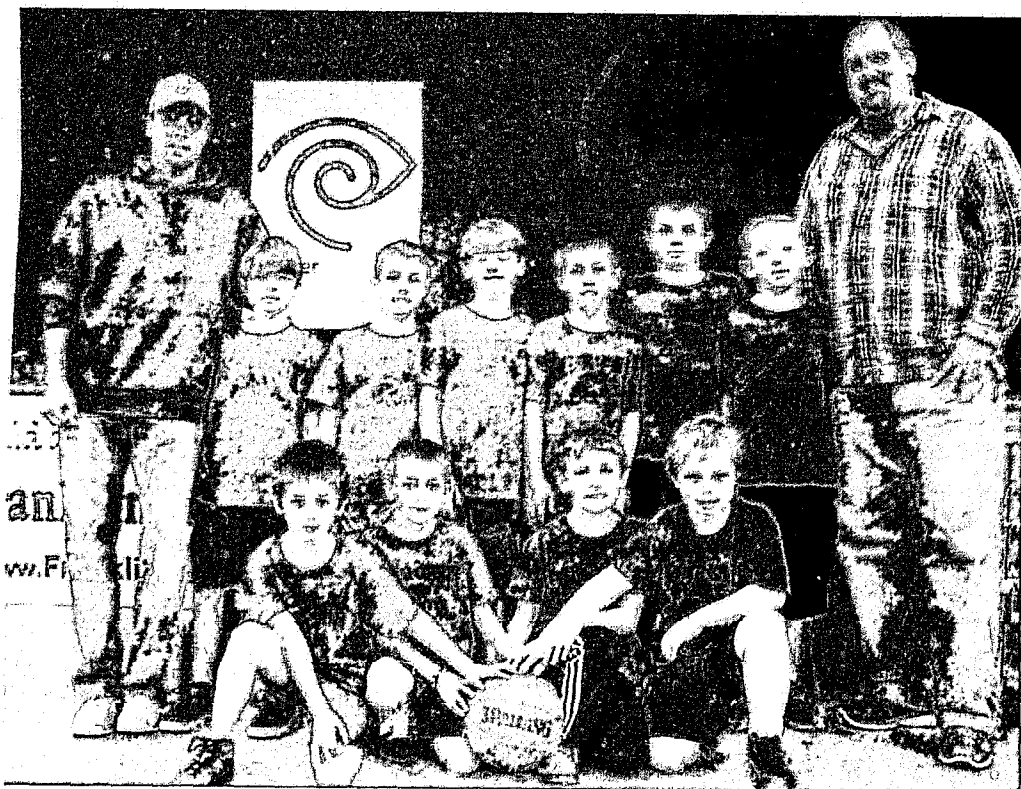
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BOYS BASKETBALL
Front: Tyler Cherkis (Hustle Award), Zac Wheeler (Athlete of the Month). Back: Ricky James (MVC All Academic Award), Nick Mills (Athlete of the Month & MVC All Star Honorable Mention), Austin Ryerson (Athlete of the Month Award), Michael DelDuca (MVC Second Team Award, Top Rebounder Award).



BASKETBALL ATHLETES OF THE MONTH
Becca Howard, Malsay Griffin, Katie Morrill, Jossie Kelly.



BETHEL REC BASKETBALL
The Bethel Coyotes of the Second- and Third-Grade Travel League recently finished as runners-up in the Mexico Recreational League championship. Pictured are, front: Jake Carson, Tristan Pelletier, Nick Godomsky, Cruze Kimball, Back: Coach Mike Pelletier, Harry Connors, Myles Lilly, Huntley Blair, Ben Godomsky, Jake Chalsson, Ben Beckerman, Coach Pat Carson. The game will be on local access TV starting next week.

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Community Calendar

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Calling Artists and Fine Crafters to 24th Annual Bethel Art Fair. Single artist 10x10 booths \$80. Food vendor 12x12 booths \$100 (electricity included). Food vendors must supply proof of insurance, and are responsible for grounds clean-up immediately surrounding the booth. FMI: Aranka Matolcsy (890-6386) or (info@mahosucarts.org). Applications/guidelines also available at www.mahosucarts.org.

Thursday, March 14

10 a.m. – **ACOA Meeting**, Waterford Library. This is a discussion meeting and new members are welcome. FMI: 739-9115.

2 p.m. – **Carol Lilliequest Welsh at Whitman Memorial Library.** Carol, adoptee, birthmother, and adoptive mother's mission is to shine light on human strength and resilience, raise awareness of the complexities of adoption, and inspire artistic design and the written word through her jewelry and her book, "360 Square."

6 p.m. – **The Spirituality of Gardening** presented by Reverend and Master Gardener Virginia Rickeman at the CEB in Andover.

6:30 p.m. – **Journey Circle at "Heald" Within**, 66B Paris Street, Norway. Learn about the spirit of you and what awakening means for you. Donations accepted. FMI: "Heald" Within (744-0311).

Friday, March 15

5 to 7 p.m. – **Business After Hours Event**, Bingham Auditorium, 45 Church Street, Bethel. Learn about which economic development council is backing the largest economic development arts collaborative in Maine to build arts-related tourism and new opportunities for local business. Live music, refreshments, ARTirondack Chair previews, and the Mountain Arts Guide Ad Contest. Door prizes include 2 seasons' passes for the Gould Performing Arts Series, Gould Performing Arts Series tickets, and more. FMI: Visit www.mahosucarts.org, call 824-3575, or e-mail info@mahosucarts.org.

6 to 8 p.m. – **"Breathe In and Beyond" at "Heald" Within**, 66B Paris Street, Norway, with Chris and Paula Easton. Cost: \$25. FMI: Breathe In and Beyond (329-7854).

Saturday, March 16

7 a.m. to 10 p.m. – **Scrapbooking/Crafting Event**, Hope Association, Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. This fundraising event supports individuals with developmental disabilities. Cost: \$35 includes space, chairs, breakfast, lunch, and supper. There will be a silent auction, 50/50, and door prizes. Space is limited. Call 364-4561 to reserve your spot.

9 a.m. to 12 noon – **Apple Tree Management/Pruning Workshop**, PieTree Orchard, 803 Waterford Road, Sweden. Presented by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension and orchard manager, Scott Miller of PieTree Orchard. Cost: \$25. Pre-registration required. FMI/registration: Extension Office (743-6329) or Lesley Quick (lesley.quick@maine.edu).

9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – **Lovell Flea Market and Bake Sale**, Lovell United Church of Christ, Rt. 5, Center Lovell. Lunch, baked goods, crafts, flea market items, antiques, and furniture. For table rental or information call Linda Libby (925-3661).

10 a.m. – **Child-friendly Adventure on Maggie's Trails**. Gentle snowshoe hike. Snowshoes and poles needed. Snacks provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring water. Meet at the entrance to Maggie's Nature Park on Greenwood Road, Greenwood.

10 a.m. – **Bethel Cub Scout Troop 556 2013 Pinewood Derby Race** at Crescent Park School cafeteria. Spectators welcome.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – **Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides**, Puzzle Mountain Farm, Andover. Cost: \$5 (children young enough to sit on parents' laps are free). Refreshments will be served. Proceeds to benefit Kevin Hughes and family. FMI: Kim and Dan (392-1197).

5 to 9:30 p.m. – **Jones Dance Band St. Patrick's Supper and Dance**, South Paris Legion Hall. Supper: \$8, serving from 5 to 6 p.m. Dance: \$5, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

6 to 8 p.m. – **Wine and Beer Tasting**, White Cap Lodge, Sunday River. Sample wine and beer choices as well as appetizers. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bethel, proceeds benefit community projects and scholarships. Cost: \$30 per person. FMI: 824-2808.

7 p.m. – **Wildlife Encounter**, Grand Summit Hotel Ballroom. Kids and adults will meet and learn about some of America's wild animals who call New England, the Great Plains, and the Everglades home. Tickets: Ages 5 and under, free; ages 6-12, \$4/advance, \$6/door; 13 and over \$6/advance, \$8/door.

7 p.m. to 12 a.m. – **St. Patrick's Day Dance with the Rockin' Roadrunners**, Jackson Silver Post 68, Gore Road. Proceeds to benefit Greenwood Fire Auxiliary, Greenwood Fire, and Jackson Silver Post 68 Auxiliary.

21+ event. BYOB. Tickets: \$8/single, \$15/couple. Pre-purchase at Greenwood Town Office or by calling Missy (393-7719) and save \$1 per ticket.

Sunday, March 17

7 a.m. – **State Line Snowmobile Club Fishing Derby**, Umbagog Lake. Signs and directions available at the boat landing in Cambridge, N.H.

Wednesday, March 20

4 to 6 p.m. – **BANC Nordic Visioning Session**, Gibson Room, Bethel Inn. An opportunity for those involved in Nordic skiing to collectively identify community-wide goals and tools for accomplishing those goals. This meeting explores how increased collaboration can potentially advance the goals of all who are involved with the sport. Space is limited. RSVP to Amy Scott at amyscott@bethelmaineonprofits.org or 357-3189.

Thursday, March 21

1 to 4 p.m. – **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging**, available at Norway Town Hall to answer questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

4:30 to 6 p.m. – **Good Meals in 30 Minutes or Less**, West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. A workshop on putting together quick and healthy meals presented by chef, Elton Cole and registered dietician, Pat Watson. Food samples. Recipes. Free and open to the public. FMI: Rosabelle Tift (824-2053).

6 p.m. – **Bach Flower Workshop at "Heald" Within**, 66B Paris Street, Norway. Bach flowers are an integrative and natural way of working toward healing negative mental and emotional states. Cost: \$35. FMI/reservations: "Heald" Within (744-0311) or Krissy Skye (739-2666).

7 to 9 p.m. – **Tar Sands Public Forum with Portland-Montreal Pipeline Officials**, Telstar High School auditorium.

Friday, March 22

12:30 to 5:30 p.m. – **Western Maine Active Communities Conference**, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Help transform your town by learning how to integrate physical activity opportunities into community planning, transportation, and land use decisions. This is a free event, but registration is required. FMI: Brendan Shaufler (Brendan@healthoxfordhills.org).

March 22, 23, and 24

13th **Annual Mountain Valley Recreational Basketball Tournament**, Mountain Valley High

School and Mountain Valley Middle School. Two 8-team divisions compete in round robin tournaments. Shooting contest, trophies, giveaways, food and drink specials, and local entertainment. Team entry fee: \$350/\$375. Spectator admission: Free. FMI: Call Eddie Paterson (364-9352) or visit mvrbl.webs.com.

Saturday, March 23

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – **Western Maine Fly Fishing Expo**, Bethel Inn Conference Center. Exhibitors include Maine and New Hampshire outfitters and guide services, sporting camps, wildlife artists and authors, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and others. Seminars, fly-tying demos and contest, door prizes and more. Admission: \$5/adults, youth 15 and under, free. FMI: 824-3694 or www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com.

9:30 a.m. – **Farm Pond Construction and Trout Stocking Workshops**, Oxford County Extension Office. Check-in begins at 9:30. Farm Pond Construction workshop with Candace Gilpatrick begins at 10 a.m. Trout Stocking workshop with Sonny Pierce begins at 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$10 per workshop. Beverages, snacks, and lunch will be provided. FMI: Call 743-5789 ext. 101/111 or visit www.osfordswd.net.

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – **Andover Food Pantry Food Sale Fundraiser**. The Andover Food Pantry works with the Good Shepherd Food Bank to provide food supplies to residents of Andover, Upton, Roxbury, and Byron. A variety of baked goods and takeout items will be available, and all money raised will be matched by a grant.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. – **Peter Haines Memorial Ham and Bean Public Supper**, Bethel Masonic Lodge. \$8/adults, \$4/kids 10 and under. FMI: Todd Davis (824-8282).

6 p.m. – **Potluck Supper and Presentation by Arla Patch**, West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Arla will speak about her work with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

7 p.m. – **The Fly Fishing Film Tour**, Bethel Inn Conference Center. The film features a segment on the Maine salmon, produced by Carter Davidson of Gray Ghost Productions. Tickets: \$7/advance purchase at the Expo, \$10 at the door. FMI: 824-3694 or www.westernmaineflyfishingexpo.com.

7 to 10 p.m. – **Jones Dance Band**, South Paris Legion Hall. Admission: \$5.

Sunday, March 24

7:30 to 11 a.m. – **Bethel Rotary Club Country Breakfast**, Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Tickets: \$7/advance, \$8/door. Children are \$3.

Wednesday, March 27

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – **SeniorsPlus, Area Agency on Aging**, available at the Rumford Town Office to answer questions or concerns. All events are free and open to the public. FMI/appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

2:30 p.m. – **Maine Autism Society**, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. The Autism Society of Maine invites you to join families and professionals in the pursuit of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders, treatments, and support for Maine children and adults with autism. Meet and greet with light refreshments at 2:30, followed by a presentation by Aimee Cecile-DesRoches at 3 p.m. Snow-date, March 28. FMI: 364-4561.

7 p.m. – **High-elevation Bird Monitoring in the Northeast**, McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy. Learn of efforts to monitor the elusive Bicknell's Thrush from conservation biologist, Judith Scarl.

Saturday, March 30

9 a.m. – **Easter Egg Hunt**, West Paris Library. Open to toddlers through first graders. A basket will be provided for egg collection. Children will receive a gift in addition to eggs found during the hunt. The lucky finder of one marked egg will receive a special prize. Festivities will conclude with a story and craft. Children must be accompanied by an adult. FMI: 674-2004.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.
Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m. – Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym.

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. – Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. – Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30-6 p.m. – Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. – Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

First and Third Thursdays of month, 6 p.m.; Bethel Dog Park Committee meets at Mahosuc Land Trust building. In case of inclement weather, call 836-2100.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Upton

Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. – Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. – Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m. – West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support.

The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. – Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzi16@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. – Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/ WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 836-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

EXCHANGES/PANTRIES

Clothing Exchange, Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12 a.m. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional,

or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Thursday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6PM to 7:30PM at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS - GIRLS' NICKNAMES

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used, so cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

3 Letters

DOT
JAN
JOY
SUE

4 Letters

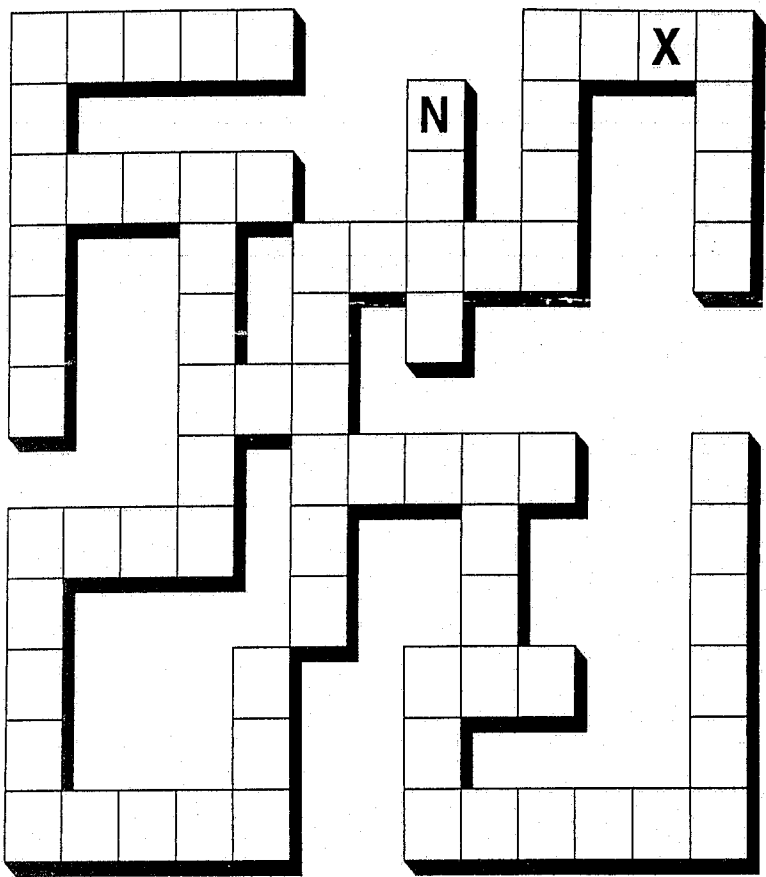
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5 Letters

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MAISIE
REGGIE
YELLIE



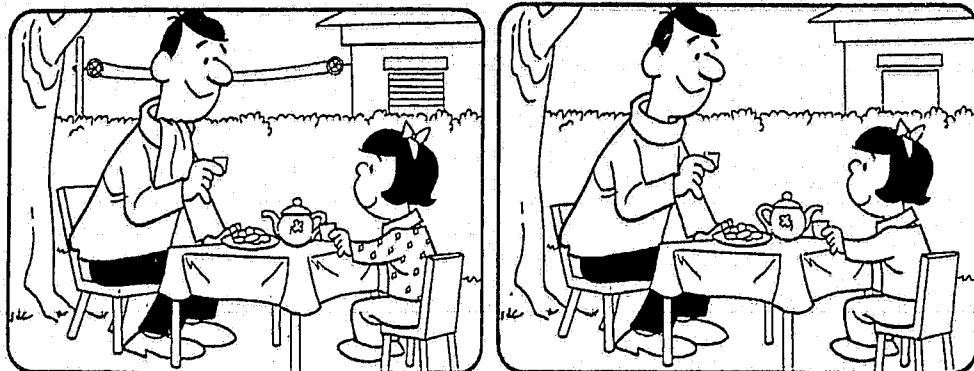
For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences:
1. Clothesline is missing. 2. Chair is lower. 3. Napkin is missing. 4. Teapot is reversed. 5. Blind is missing. 6. Sweater design is missing.

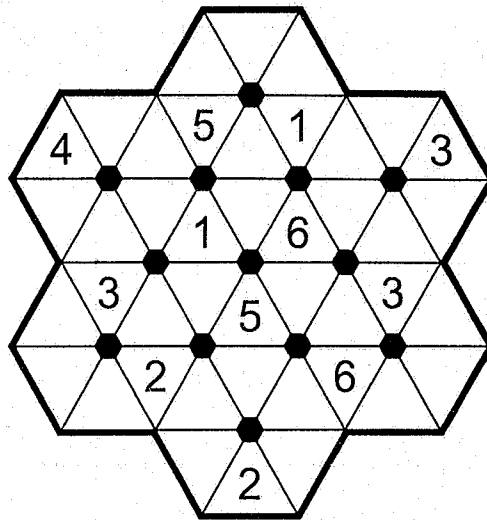
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

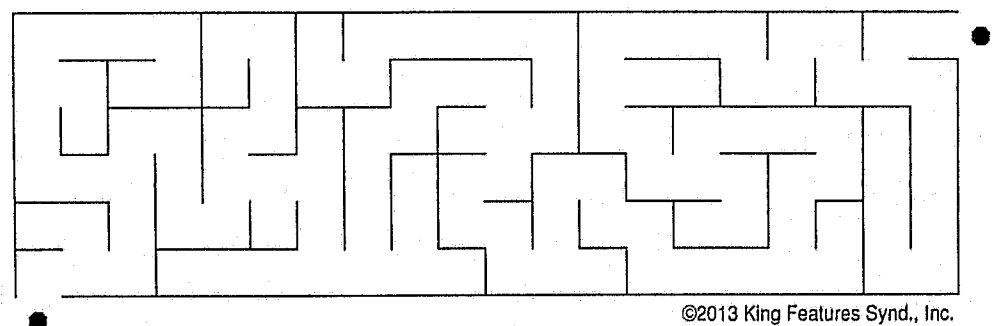
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TODAY'S WORD



"When I was in
I used to dream of earning the salary
I won't be able to get by on this year."

Kids' Maze



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Super Crossword

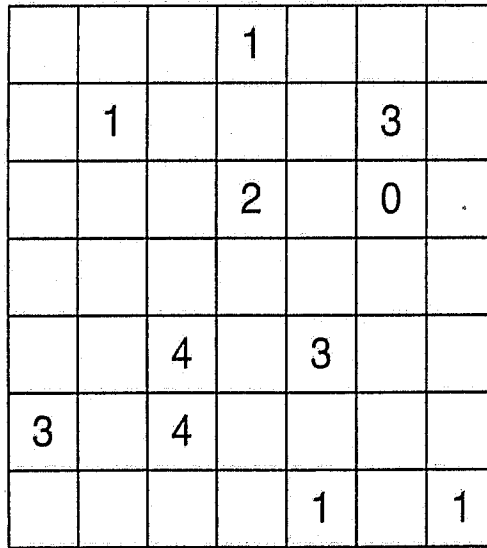
WILLIAM VII

- ACROSS
- 1 Dilapidated condition
 - 10 Hawaii-born U.S. president
 - 15 Acute
 - 20 Unlike death and taxes?
 - 21 Marsh bird
 - 22 One healing
 - 23 Former Philippine president going around something?
 - 25 Baseballer
 - 26 "A" in Aries
 - 27 Scriptwriter
 - 28 "— minute!"
 - 29 Mambo king
 - 31 Had food
 - 32 "Who Said Gay —?" (song from "Can-Can")
 - 34 Tender of Andean animals?
 - 37 Luminox
 - 41 — mell
 - 42 Many-acre home
 - 43 Things keeping baby sheep from straying?
 - 47 Actor
 - 49 Newspaper opinion piece
 - 50 Prefix that means "egg"
 - 51 Caustic cleaners
 - 52 Zaragoza's river
 - 55 — buco (veal meal)
 - 57 Spilled the beans
 - 59 Medusa's activity?
 - 65 Not open
 - 67 At the acme
 - 68 See
 - 69 Cow noise
 - 70 Proclaims, biblically
 - 71 Wicked
 - 73 High-tech greeting
 - 75 Flurry
 - 76 "Friday Night Fights" airer
 - 79 Idi of infamy
 - 80 Car houser
 - 82 People trying out covered wagons?
 - 86 Turn to mush
 - 88 Hammered item
 - 89 Word repeated after "que"
 - 90 Big name in synthesizers
 - 92 HDTV brand
 - 93 Walked
 - 96 Staff symbol
 - 98 Silky fabric worn by a prima?
 - 101 Slop up again, as a wine bottle
 - 103 "Sit — plait"
 - 106 Portable PC
 - 107 Be cleverer than a famed candy man?
 - 110 Ivy League Philly sch.
 - 114 Simple card game
 - 115 Spot for a mail slot
 - 116 67-Across, in poetry
 - 117 Neighbor of N. Dak.
 - 120 "— do not!"
 - 121 Conveyed via a conduit
 - 123 They're hidden in seven long answers in this puzzle
 - 127 Pianist's exercise
 - 128 "The stage —"
 - 129 Absolve
 - 130 Turn again
 - 131 Unfeeling
 - 132 Velodrome competitions
 - 133 Block the flow of
 - 2 A former Mrs. Trump
 - 3 More tender
 - 4 Singer
 - 5 He played TV's Al Bundy
 - 6 Old El — (taco brand)
 - 7 Shortened form, for short
 - 8 Kovalchuk of the NHL
 - 9 Salesperson, for short
 - 10 Response to a great retort
 - 11 "— Mucho" (1944 #1 hit)
 - 12 Meyers of the screen
 - 13 Every 30 days or so
 - 14 Hollywood's Dickinson
 - 15 Young haddock
 - 16 Color tone
 - 17 Hiker's guide
 - 18 Paraphrase
 - 19 Dressed up
 - 20 Suffer
 - 24 Suffer
 - 30 Sticky pine product
 - 33 Diminish
 - 34 Zodiac beast
 - 35 Sterling silver, say
 - 36 Tavern chair
 - 38 Singer Crystal
 - 39 Plant — of doubt
 - 40 "Hey ... you"
 - 43 Ton
 - 44 Guacamole base
 - 45 Hundred cubed
 - 46 One next to you on a plane, e.g.
 - 48 Soft throws
 - 53 Plant that flowers
 - 54 Act of retaliation
 - 56 More cunning
 - 58 Point
 - 60 Hockey actor
 - 61 Wiggling fish
 - 62 Mental pictures
 - 63 Electric razor brand
 - 64 The Almighty
 - 66 The Beatles' "— Woman"
 - 70 Baglike part
 - 71 Verb suffix
 - 72 Panty raider
 - 74 Vid shooter
 - 77 Slay with, as a decision
 - 78 Gallup —
 - 80 Aggregation
 - 81 After — (kind of)
 - 83 Fund
 - 84 Regarding
 - 85 Samms or Watson
 - 87 Khaki
 - 91 Fly ball's antithesis
 - 93 Touring actor
 - 94 Bring back together
 - 95 Ink squirter
 - 97 Earth's highest peak
 - 99 Tarzan actor
 - 100 PC software
 - 102 Relieved (of)
 - 104 Golf tourney
 - 105 Kind of pony or pooch
 - 108 Pueblo builders
 - 109 Prior to, in poetry
 - 111 Computer of the 1940s
 - 112 Nick of "Affliction"
 - 113 Butler on "The Nanny"
 - 117 Skirt type
 - 118 "How are you?"
 - 119 Goose of Hawaii
 - 122 Tokyo, previously
 - 124 Bear, in Madrid
 - 125 Neighbor of S. Dak.
 - 126 Playtex item

Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

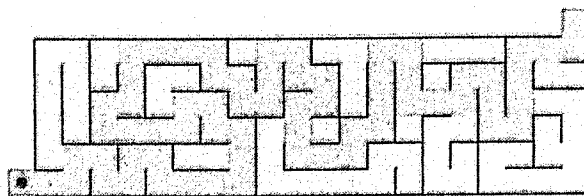
Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

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Kids' Maze Solution

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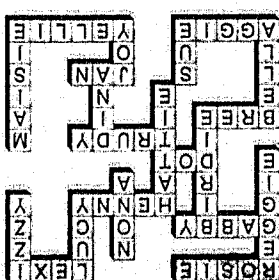
Today's Word:

3. Charge; 4. Circle

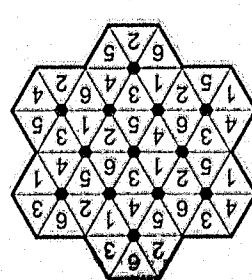
1. Predict; 2. Allow;

solution

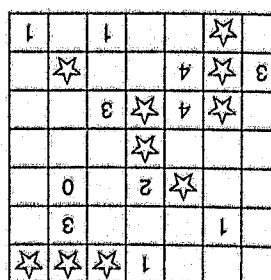
SCRAMBLERS



Puzzles4Kids



SNOWFLAKES



Star★Map

ANSWERS:

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THIS MPA WINNER-Brianna Santos, daughter of Thomas and Tina Santos of Albany, has been selected to receive the 2013 Principal's Award for Telstar High School, according to a press release. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship. Brianna has been a well-rounded student during her four years at Telstar. Scholastically, Brianna has excelled as an honors student, earning Top Ten ranking within the Class of 2013. Her academic resume includes excelling in Honors Chemistry and Advanced Placement Chemistry, Anatomy & Physiology, Pre-Calculus and Advanced Placement English Literature. Brianna's academic achievement, service, leadership and character has also earned her induction into the Telstar's National Honor Society. As a school leader, Brianna has served as a student council member, school ambassador, student leader for freshmen transition activities and as co-president of the Class of 2013. Athletically, Brianna played Telstar High School field hockey four years and was co-captain of the varsity field hockey team this past season. Brianna also enjoys being involved with a variety of community service projects for Telstar, Albany Township and within the greater SAD 44 Region. Brianna, Principal Dan Hart (shown here with her) and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon in Bangor April 6. The luncheon recognizes the students with the presentation of an individual plaque and the awarding of five \$1,000 scholarships in the names of Horace O. McGowan and Richard W. Tyler. McGowan and Tyler were former Maine principals and executive directors of the Association.

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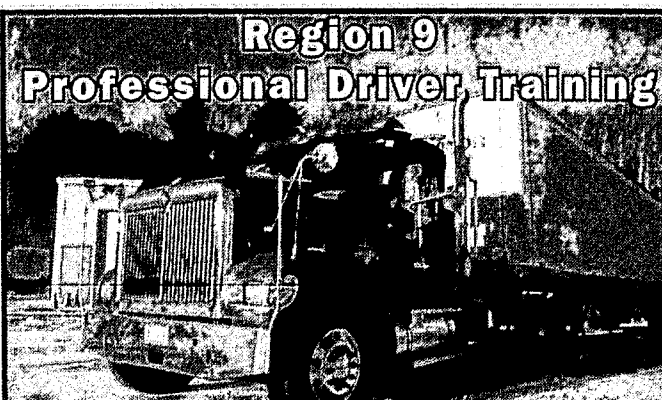
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KENNETH C. MCINNIS, JR.

Kenneth C. (Ken) McInnis, Jr. passed away peacefully on March 9, 2013 at Elizabeth House in Flat Rock, N.C., after a short illness with his beautiful wife Alice at his side.

He was born Oct. 16, 1926, in West Bethel, Maine, the son of Vera (Libby) and Kenneth C. McInnis, Sr. He married Alice Hathaway on Oct. 17, 1948 in Bryant Pond, Maine. Ken and Alice made the Trails End Farm in Bryant Pond their home for over 60 years before moving to North Carolina in 2012.

After graduating from Gould Academy in Bethel, Ken attended the University of Vermont on a scholarship for a short period before enlisting in the Army. A World War II veteran, he served in the U.S. Army Air Forces General Command and was stationed in Germany.

Ken was well known in the area for his many years as a local grocer and butcher. He started his career working for Howard MacKillop at MacKillop's Market in Bryant Pond. After purchasing that business he operated Ken's Market for many years before going to work for his brother-in-law Ellsworth Hathaway as a butcher at the Locke Mills General Store. He retired from the retail grocery business while working as a butcher at the Bethel IGA. His 'retirement' then led him to a part-time position at the University of Maine 4-H Camp and Learning Center in Bryant Pond for whom he worked for almost 20 years, finally retiring at the age of 84.

Ken was a member of the Jefferson Lodge 100 A.F. & A.M. of Bryant Pond, member of the West Bethel Union Church, member of the Gould Academy Alumni Association, a Past Patron of Jefferson Chapter 89 O.E.S., member of the American Legion Jackson-Silver Post 68 and former member of the Woodstock Volunteer Fire Department. He enjoyed many fishing trips with friends

to well-known places like Moosehead Lake, Chain of Ponds, Parmachenee, Indian Pond, Flagstaff, Azis-cobos and of course Lake Christopher. Some of his fondest memories were of the many RV trips across the United States he and Alice made with Willie and Joyce Hathaway during their retirement years.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; son Stuart and wife Deborah of Mills River, N.C.; daughter, Gail Buker and husband Robert of West Bethel; daughter, Susanne Sanders and husband Scott of Stratton Mountain, Vt.; son Mark and wife Kim of Dover, Fla.; sister Lois Howe and husband Charles of Bryant Pond; sister Ruth Chapman of Orange Park, Fla.; eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and brother Donald.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations of remembrance be made to the West Bethel Union Church in West Bethel, Maine 04286.

An online memorial register is available at groce-funeralhome.com.

NANCY E. CORRIVEAU

Nancy Elizabeth Corriveau, 72, a resident of Canton, died March 11 at Franklin Memorial Hospital in Farmington, Maine.

She was born August 9, 1940 in Berlin, New Hampshire, the daughter George and Rachel (York) DeCoster. She grew up in Gilead and graduated from Gould Academy in 1958. In 1959 she married her husband Denis Corriveau, Sr. She later returned to school at the Berlin Vocational Tech and earned her LPN in 1970. She was a nurse for many years at the Androscoggin Valley Hospital. She later moved to Canton to care for her ailing relatives. For several years she worked at the Victorian Villa in Canton where she was the Activities Director. She enjoyed doing crafts, especially crocheting. She loved playing bingo and visiting with her bingo friends.

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Denis Corriveau, Sr. of Canton; her son, Denis Corriveau, Jr. and his wife Michelle of Jay; her daughter, Katherine Thompson and husband Andrew of Oxford; 4 grandchildren, Kyra, Sylvia, Brittany and Bronson. She also leaves behind a very special cousin, Betty and dear friend Margaret.

She was predeceased by her parents, George and

Rachel DeCoster, and a brother George DeCoster. Nancy was a caring person who always put others before herself. She will be sadly missed.

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JAMES L. MONAHAN

James L. Monahan, 95, of Bethel, passed away on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway.

He was born in Montreal, Canada, Jan. 28, 1918, the son of George T. and Margret Houley Monahan. He graduated from Berlin, N.H., High School in 1937 and attended the University of Wisconsin. He graduated from Black Hill State College, with a degree in marketing. He married Josephine McMillian on Sept. 5, 1942.

Jim proudly served our country in the U.S. Air Force, retiring after some 28 years of honorable and distinguished service. Jim, as a gifted athlete, also served as a member of the Air Force golf team, playing competitively around the world. After his service, he returned to New England, managing several key service components with area resorts including manager of the Minary Conference Center at Dartmouth College and as the head golf professional for the Bethel Inn and Country Club.

Jim was a three letter varsity high school athlete in Berlin, N.H., as well as an avid outdoorsman, hiking virtually every mountain and skiing every slope in New England, including Tuckerman's Ravine and many out West. He was a member of the Ambassador program at Sunday River. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

As a Rotarian, Jim had been a member from its onset. He had served as club president twice, accepting responsibility for service with virtually every committee and role in the club and continued to serve as a true "role model" for others, defining to the community "What a good Rotarian is all about!" He was an active member of Our Lady of Snows Church in Bethel, the Bethel Historical Society, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans of Lewiston, the Air Force SGT. Association and the Mondt-Allen American Legion. He was awarded the Bethel Chamber of Commerce lifetime achievement award in 2012.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Patricia Monahan of Reno, Nev.; a granddaughter, Katherine Allen of Medford, Ore.; two

great-granddaughters, Amanda and Katlyn; a great-grandson, Shawn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife of 67 years; and two brothers, Joseph and George.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

A Mass of Christian burial was held on Friday, March 8, 2013 at Our Lady of Snows Church in Bethel. Spring interment will be at Riverside Cemetery in Bethel. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Bethel Ambulance Service.



GEORGE R. STANDEVEN, JR.

George Randall Standeven, Jr., 62, died Sunday, March 10, 2013 at his residence in Andover.

Born in South Kingston, R.I., on Nov. 13, 1950, he was a son of George Randall and Beverly Jean (Hopkins) Standeven, Sr. He attended South Kingston Schools. He was a self employed logger and also worked for George Sherman's Sand and Gravel in Rhode Island. For the past 30 years he had worked for Chadbourne Tree Farms as a Heavy Mechanic.

George enjoyed his grandchildren, riding his motorcycle and his dog "Dusty." He was a former Chief of the Kingston Fire Department.

He was married in South Kingston, R.I., on July 21, 1973 to Sandra Reed who survives of Andover. Other survivors include his son Jason of Andover; grandchildren, Corbin and Sadie Standeven and Jacob and Joshua Boutlier; siblings Ken and Millie Standeven of Charleston, R.I., Brenda and Marshall Fleet of Mason Township, Maine, Cindy and John Desmarais of Kingston, R.I., Doug and Sue Standeven of Charleston, R.I., Judy and Clay Gould of Bethel, Maine, Tammy Standeven of Mason Township, Maine; his mother-in-law Jane Reed of Andover. He was predeceased by his parents; a sister, Lisa Buckman; and brother Larry Standeven. Friends and relatives are invited to sign the online guest book and share

memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 16 at the Calvary Bible Church on Route 5 in Andover with Pastor Kenneth Wagstaff officiating.

DAN S. TUCKER

Dan Stuart Tucker, the only child of Harry L. and Margaret (Ney) Tucker, was born on Feb. 23, 1930, in Augusta, Ga. He died on Friday, March 8, 2013, at The Morrison nursing home in Whitefield, N.H.

Tucker grew up in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated in 1945 as a ninth-grade student at the Hawken School in Lyndhurst, graduated in 1948 from Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., and in 1952 cum laude from Harvard College as a Holloway Plan student who upon graduation was commissioned a LTJG in the U. S. Navy, Civil Engineer Corps. After three years on active duty, he attended the Harvard Business School, earning an M.B.A. in 1957 with a major in finance. He later earned an Ed.M. at Boston University in 1993 and taught English as a Second Language part-time at Bunker Hill Community College in Charlestown, Mass.

After a business career in New York City and Boston, Tucker retired in 1994 and moved from Wellesley, Mass., to Randolph, N.H.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Edith Endicott McMillan, and three daughters: Susan McMillan Tucker and his son-in-law Leslie Charles Moyer, both of Somerville, Mass.; Sarah Sheafe Tucker and his son-in-law Don Murphy, both of Bethel, Maine; and Margaret Stuart Tucker of Stow, Mass., and a granddaughter, Lauren Endicott Moyer of Andover, Mass. Their son Andrew Stuart Tucker died in an accident on May 26, 1995, in Alaska.

In recent years, Tucker served on the board of the Weeks State Park Association in Lancaster and on the Randolph Planning Board.

A memorial service will be held this summer at a date to be determined. Please omit flowers. Those who would like to can make a donation to the Andrew Stuart Tucker Trail Easement Fund of the Randolph Mountain Club, P. O. Box 279, Gorham, NH 03581.

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Births

Erica K. Waltman and Michael E. Bryer, Jr., of Mason Township, Maine, are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Scarlett Rose Bryer, born on Jan 30, 2013, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Glen Myers, Kim Day, Katherine Westleigh.

Paternal grandparents are Virginia DELnero, David DELnero and Kelly Pike and Michael E. Bryer, Sr.

Our little one joins her sister, Jaylin Semmer, age 5.

Tearah L. Cunnington and Tyler S Durgin of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Sakari Isabelle Durgin, born on Feb. 5, 2013 at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Janet Corriveau of Bethel and Bradley Stone of North Stratford, N.H.

Paternal grandparents are Becky Cross of Bridgton and Scot Durgin of Bridgton.

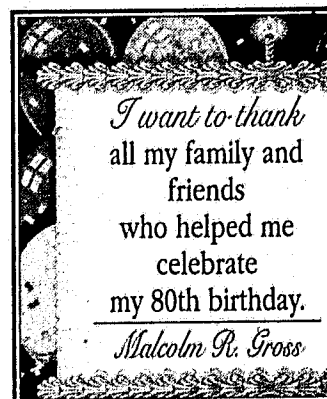
Sakara joins her brothers, Caleb Cunnington, age 8, and Noah Cunnington, age 5.

Michelle Walker and Jeremy Lapham of Albany Township are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Haleigh June Lapham, born March 5, 2013 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, weighing 6 pounds, 11 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Paul and Terry Walker of Greenwood, Maine.

Paternal grandparents are Byron and Donna Lapham of Albany Township, Maine.

Our little one joins her sister, Aleigha Lapham, age 3.



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The family of
John E. Cox IV (Danforth)

would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone that helped with the planning, setting-up, preparing and serving of food and drink, (a special thank you to Stephanie Jackson and family for being in charge of refreshments) and to everyone who attended The Celebration of Life for John Ellsworth Cox IV (Danforth) that was held at Ledgeview Living Center, Route 26, 141 Bethel Rd., West Paris, Me. on March 3, 2013. A special thank you to Pastor Bruce Tyner for officiating the service, to Pastor Scott Randolph for the use of the projector and running the slide show, to Mary Hoover for preparing the slide show, to those who shared a poem or a thought, Jennie Richards, Haleigh Bonney, Mary Hoover and Janet Farrington, to everyone who sent cards, called or signed the online guest book and anyone who gave a donation. Thank you to Ledgeview Living Center for letting us use the Anderson Auditorium. He will be truly missed by all who knew him. Our lives will never be the same. Everyone that attended was enlightened by Johnboy's motivation and accomplishments. May he rest in peace until we all meet again.

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